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The Tale of the Great Mage of Nessed

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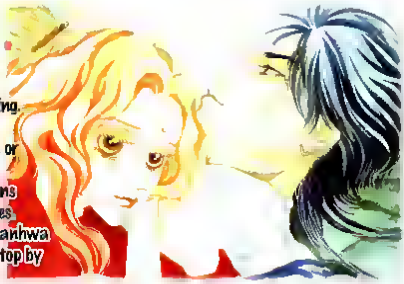
Among the fans who have sent me letters, there have been some who have asked, "Who's harder to draw, Kainen or Elhue?" It's a really cute question. Which do you think? Most people would think it's the Demon Lord, Kainen, but the answer is Elhue. The easiest to draw is Yorg. Is that unexpected?

Another thing is, the harder the character is to draw, the more devoted and attached the author becomes to it, because of the added element of hate. Therefore, it's very possible I'll feel like tormenting that character more—make him cry or even make him very, very happy. (That sounds significant. Heh heh heh...)

Through volume 3, Kainen's popularity overpowered every other character's, but as volume 4 progressed, the number of Elihue fans increased drastically. A significant number of fans have stopped taking sides. They've said they don't mind what happens. At the same time, the extremists have gained strength, too. Now, Asarella will have to choose very carefully. How did things get this way, damn it? (T.T) After saying, hypocritically, that I want everyone to be happy, I now rest my pen with the hope that you will enjoy volume 4 of Masca. (Muhahaha...)

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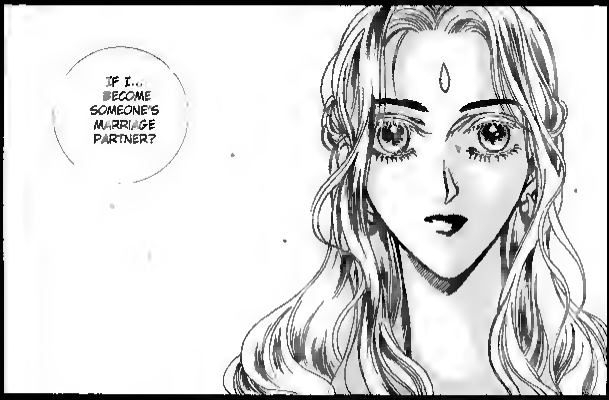
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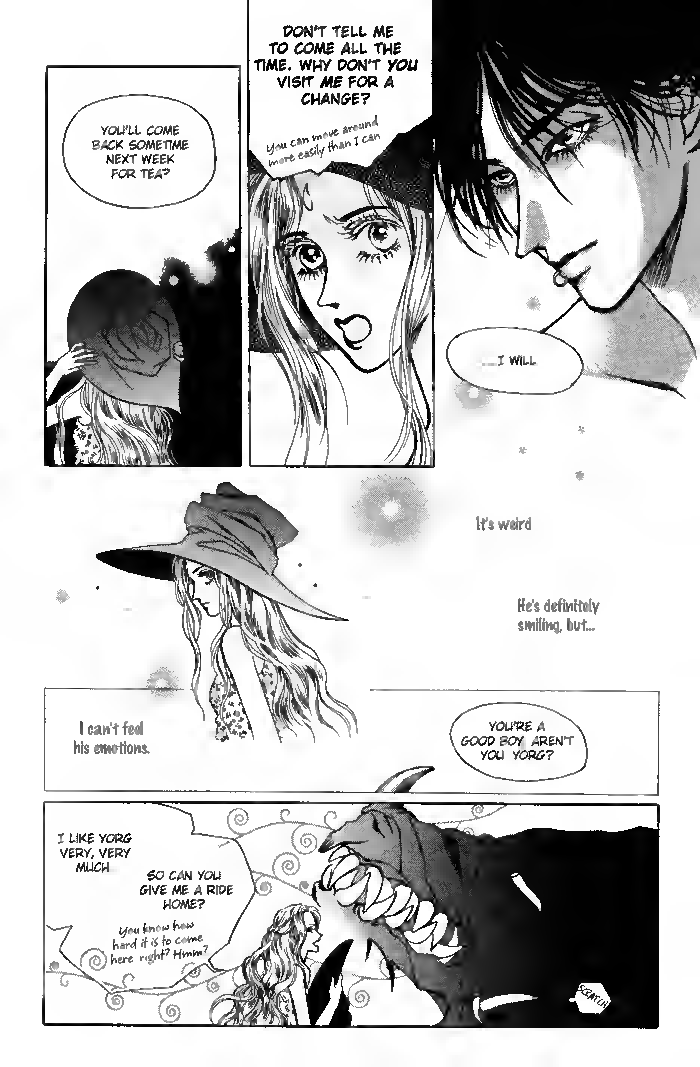
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WHAT WILL... YOU DO?


IF I... BECOME SOMEONE'S MARRIAGE PARTNER?

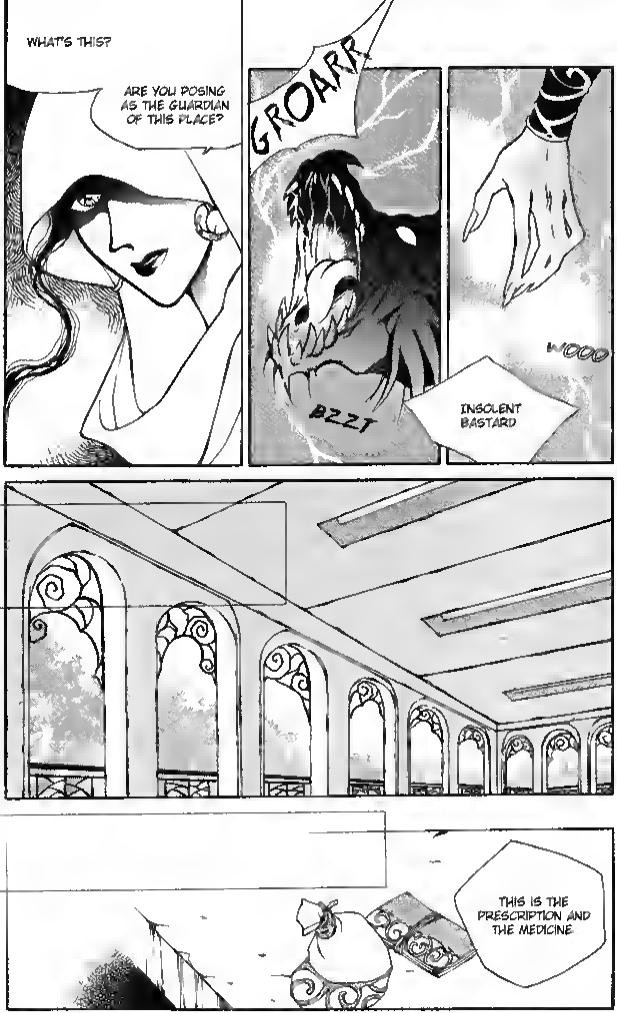

SUDDEN CHILL
I wonder how much of what he says is true.
FINE IT WAS STUPID OF ME TO EXPECT A SERIOUS ANSWER FROM YOU
WHEN HAS HE NOT BEEN SERIOUS?
I'LL GO SORRY FOR BOTHERING YOU
I'LL WIPE HIM OFF THE FACE OF THE EARTH


YOU'LL COME BACK SOMETIME NEXT WEEK FOR TEA?
DON'T TELL ME TO COME ALL THE TIME. WHY DON'T YOU VISIT ME FOR A CHANGE?
You can move around more easily than I can
...I WILL
It's weird
He's definitely smiling, but...
I can't feel his emotions.
YOU'RE A GOOD BOY AREN'T YOU YORG?
I LIKE YORG VERY, VERY MUCH
SO CAN YOU GIVE ME A RIDE HOME?
You know how hard it is to come here right? Hmm?
SCRATCH


I'LL GIVE YOU THIS IF YOU STOP BEING ANGRY, OK?
Looks yummy huh?
I knew you'd give in.
WAITING
She must have received a marriage proposal...


SHOOM
VOOM
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, AT LEAST 1,000 YEARS.


HOLED UP IN THIS DIRTY PLACE FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS—
WHAT BAD TASTE
plink
plink
GRRRR


WHAT'S THIS?
ARE YOU POSING AS THE GUARDIAN OF THIS PLACE?
GROARR
BZZT
WOOO
INSOLENT BASTARD
THIS IS THE PRESCRIPTION AND THE MEDICINE


YOU SHOULDN'T SKIP MEALS
AND DON'T FORGET TO RETURN IN A MONTH
WOULD THE LAST VISITOR PLEASE COME IN?
H-HOW DO YOU DO?
MAY GLORY REST UPON YOUR NOBLE MAGE SOUL
WELCOME. YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE SOMEONE FROM AROUND HERE
ARE YOU A TRAVELER?
Y-YES. I'M FROM CARDIA
ALL RIGHT... I HOPE I CAN BE OF SOME HELP TO YOU
Huh?
Cardia?
UH... IF IT ISN'T TOO MUCH OF A HASSLE. COULD YOU ALLOW THIS POOR WRETCH TO SATISFY HIS HUNGER?
TONIGHT YOU STAY HERE DEAR TRAVELER
shuu


IT MUST HAVE BEEN TOUGH TRAVELING ALL THE WAY HERE FROM CARDIA.
OH, TELL ME ABOUT IT. WELL, IT'S NOTHING COMPARED TO WHAT THE FOLKS BACK HOME ARE GOING THROUGH.
WE MANAGED TO GET BY PRETTY WELL BEFORE THE WAR RUINED THE LAND. IT HAD BEEN OUR LAND FOR 1,000 YEARS...
THE INVADERS FROM HESSED ARE CLAIMING THE LAND BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN LIVING THERE A LONG TIME.
THEY DON'T APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT FOR GENERATIONS WE'VE ALLOWED THEM TO COME TO OUR LAND IN ORDER TO ESCAPE FAMINE, AND THAT WE'VE LIVED ALONGSIDE THEM ALL THESE YEARS.
ON TOP OF THAT THEY'VE CALLED THEIR GUARDIAN GOD A DEMON LORD
TO ANNIHILATE ALL THE SIVILLANS IN CARDIA
I BET THE SAME FATE AWAITS THE MAGES WHO HAVE GONE THERE TO MEDIATE.


IS THE DEMON LORD OF HESSED...
THAT CRUEL?
THERE ARE FEW MORTALS WHO HAVE BEEN DESTINED TO KNOW THE POWER OF A DEMON LORD, BUT IT'S SAID THAT SHE'S ON A WHOLE DIFFERENT LEVEL FROM THE OTHERS OF HER KIND.
SOME SAY EVEN THE LAND SHE STEPS UPON BECOMES CURSED AND REMAINS BARREN FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS.
RUMOR HAS IT THAT SHE'S THE LORD OF DEMON LORDS.
Master..!
THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO LEAVE TODAY.
I'M MUCH OBLIGED, YOUR MAGENESS
BUT I SHOULD GET GOING. I WANT TO CLIMB MT. RENAN BEFORE SUNSET. THANK YOU

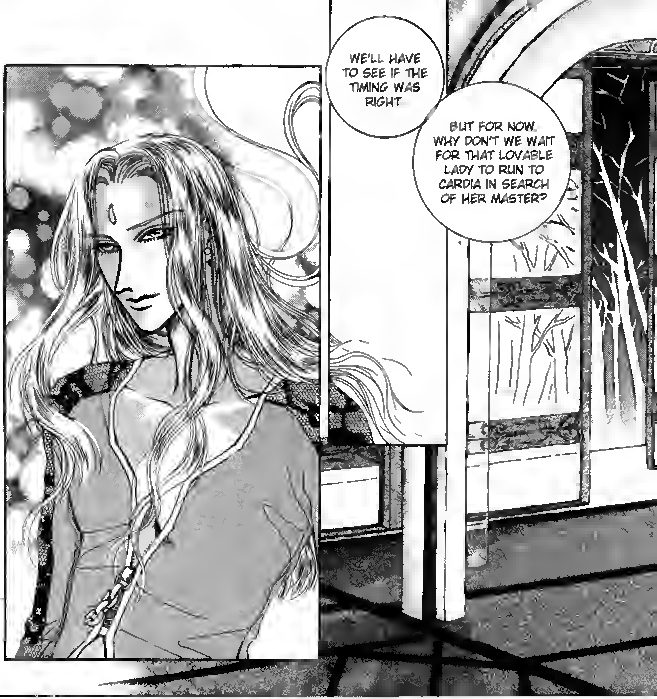

Gades of Cardia
WHIRING
rush
sfx: boom
SHRIEK
YORG?

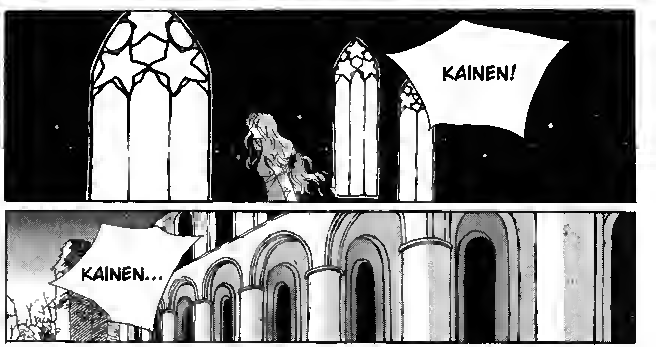

YORG!!
IN THE NAME OF REVERED GREAT NATURE...
BRING LIFE TO THE BODY...
AND BLOOD TO THE VEINS...


WHEW
...GRR...
It's a good thing the wound wasn't deep
Who in the world could hurt Yorg like this?
HAS SOMETHING HAPPENED... TO YOUR MASTER?


RABA.
WOOO
I KNOW VERY WELL THAT YOU'RE ARCH MAGE ELIHUE'S BOOK OF MAGIC
PLEASE DON'T GET ANGRY, BUT I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN SEND ME TO THE DEMON LORD'S CASTLE IN A HEARTBEAT
CHA
WOOO
HELP ME RABA... I'LL BE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL


whoosh
HALT
SMITH
WHISH


WE'LL HAVE TO SEE IF THE TIMING WAS RIGHT.
BUT FOR NOW, WHY DON'T WE WAIT FOR THAT LOVABLE LADY TO RUN TO CARDIA IN SEARCH OF HER MASTER?


KAINEN!
KAINEN...


YOU ARE QUICK-WITTED
I LIKE THAT...
HMPH... THE FEMALES STILL LINE UP HERE


A MAGE...
PERFECT
LET ME ASK YOU THIS SINCE THE OWNER OF THE CASTLE IS NOWHERE TO BE FOUND.
DO YOU KNOW OF A MAGE NAMED ELWE?
HMM... IT SEEMS YOU DO.
WAS IT YOU WHO HURT YORG... I MEAN, THIS CASTLE'S BLACK DRAGON?
DRAGON...? AH... YES
THE INSOLENT CREATURE WHO ATTACKED WITHOUT KNOWING WHO HE WAS DEALING WITH?


DON'T TALK AS IF IT'S NOTHING
RUB
YORG WASN'T TRYING TO HARM YOU. HE PROBABLY JUST WANTED TO WARN YOU...
I DON'T KNOW HOW POWERFUL YOU ARE, BUT YOU WILL PAY FOR WHAT YOU DID TO YORG!!
HE LOOKS THREATENING, BUT HE'S ACTUALLY A GENTLE, FRUIT-EATING DRAGON!"
I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HOW YOU'LL MAKE ME PAY.
ACCORDING TO SOMEONE, THIS PLACE IS FULL OF INSOLENT BASTARDS. I SEE THAT IT'S TRUE.


I ASSUME THE SWORD ON YOUR BACK ISN'T JUST FOR SHOW
I CAME LOOKING FOR ELIHUE AND I CAN'T GO BACK EMPTY-HANDED
YOU NEED TO TELL ME WHAT YOU KNOW



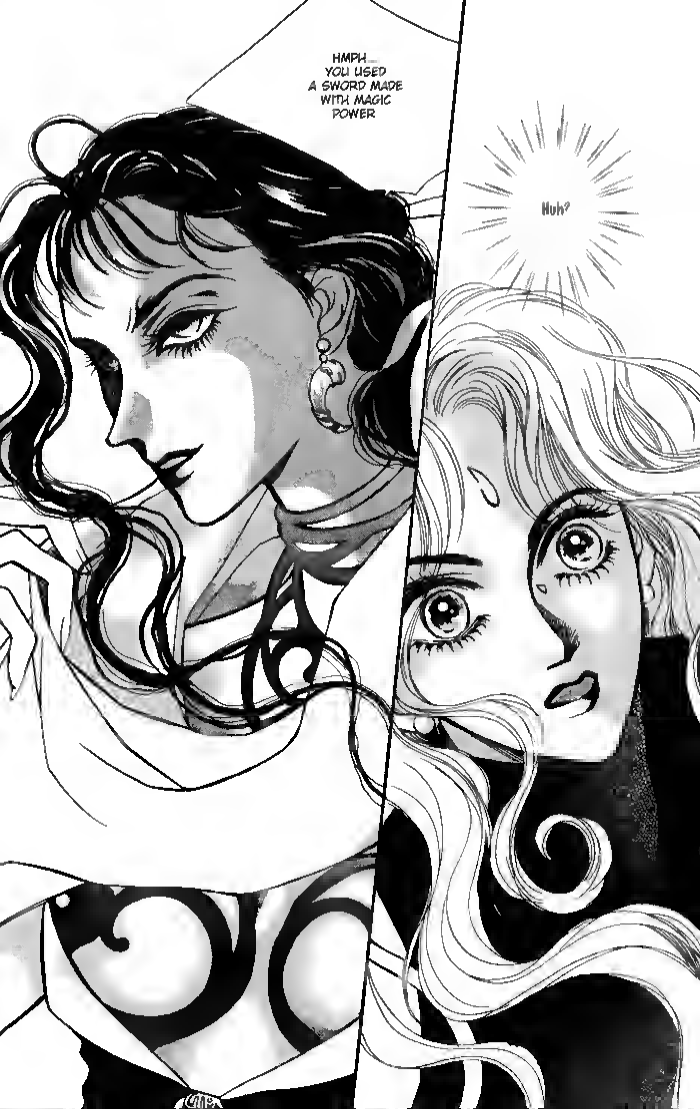


sfx: swish


DON'T CRY, MY BABY.
WHY SO SAD?
I'LL NEVER BE A GREAT MAGE, NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY.
MY ARMS ARE WEAK. MY MAGIC POWER IS TERRIBLE AND I'M STUPID
I CAN'T DO ANYTHING RIGHT
OH NO WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THAT WAY?
WHAT DETERMINES WHETHER SOMEONE IS A GREAT MAGE
IS NOT PHYSICAL STRENGTH OR MAGIC POWER, BUT HER HEART WHICH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING OF ALL
WHOOSH
FIRST, LOOK DIRECTLY INTO THE EYES OF THE OPPONENT...
AND FEEL HIS HEART.

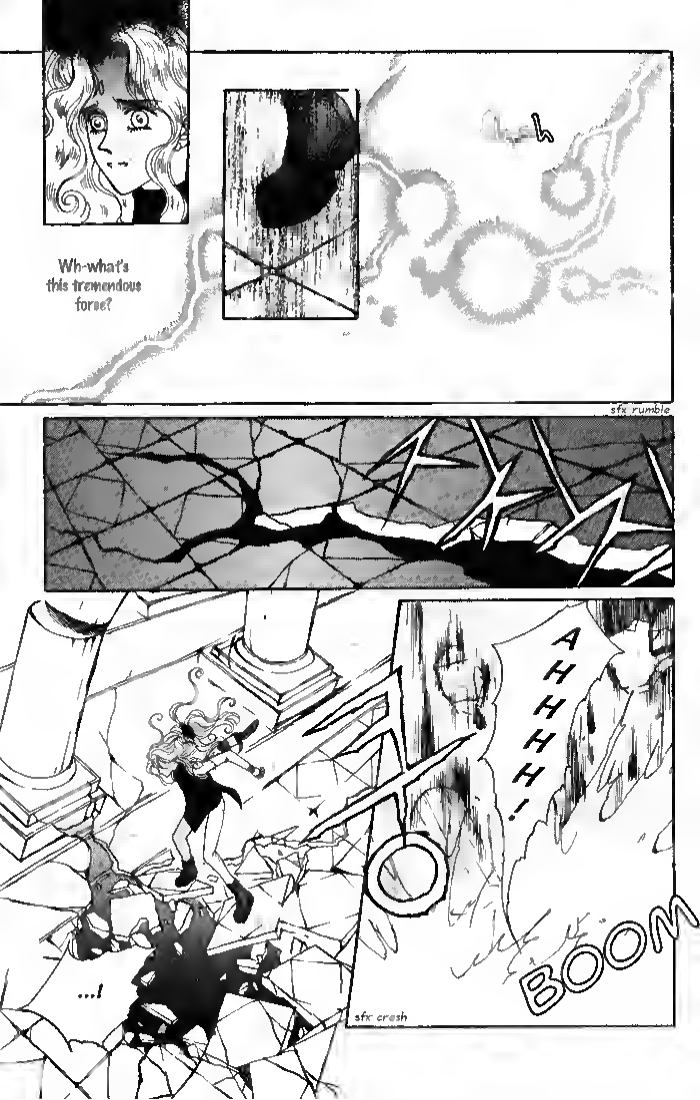

AND THEN...
THINK AND MOVE...
ONE STEP AHEAD OF HIM
THE POWER TO HELP OTHERS
AND PROTECT YOURSELF
IS THERE WITHIN YOU IF YOU CAN JUST FEEL.


clang
Yes!
I did it!


HMPH... YOU USED A SWORD MADE WITH MAGIC POWER
Huh?


BUT NOT BAD...
I GUESS I WAS BEATEN BECAUSE I WAS OFF GUARD.
IT WAS BECAUSE YOU HAD NO INTENTION OF KILLING ME
AND BECAUSE YOU UNDER-ESTIMATED ME THAT'S WHAT DID IT
GENERALLY, PEOPLE AIM FOR THE WRIST IN ORDER TO TAKE THE SWORD
clink
BUT ISN'T THAT TOO OBVIOUS?
THAT KIND OF ATTACK PATTERN CAN BE READ EVEN BY BEGINNERS


A MOMENTARY LAPSE CAN DEFEAT A WARRIOR... I ADMIT IT.
BUT IT'S NOT OVER YET...
WOOO
THIS TIME, SHOW ME YOUR MAGIC POWER, MAGE.
AH ?
BZZT


Wh-what's this tremendous force?
sfx rumble
AHHHH!
BOOM
sfx crash
...!

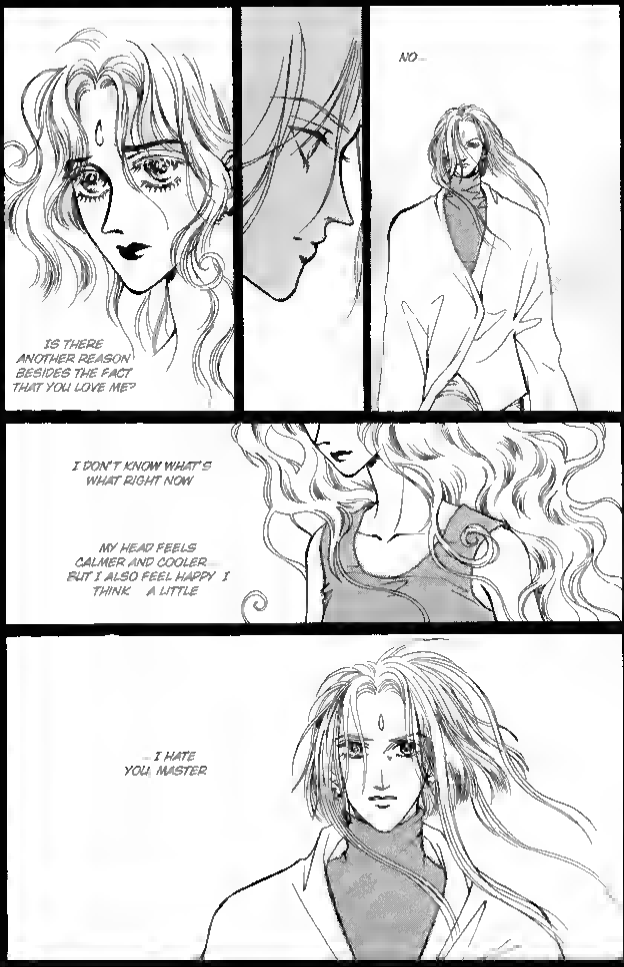

sfx. plunk
Master..
trickle
I still think strong magic power is important...
Sorry! The water really an-gucks.
HOW ABOUT IT? FEEL LIKE TELLING ME NOW?
TELL ME WHAT THE MAGE ELIHUE DID TO THE DEMON LORD OF BELLGE


THE DEMON LORD OF... BELLGE? WHO'S THAT?
Oh!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I WAS THE ONE WHO DID SOMETHING TO HIM!
WHAT?
DID HE SEND YOU?
SPLASH
BACK THEN, HE ADMITTED HIS DEFEAT AND QUIETLY RETREATED. WHY WOULD HE DO THIS NOW?
He promised he wouldn't harass Master anymore...
SENDING SOMEONE ELSE BECAUSE HE PROMISED HE WOULDN'T COME HERE FOR 400 YEARS? WHAT A DIRTY TRICK!


400 YEARS?
splash
THEN YOU...
Huh?
splash
reach
shoo


HMPH!
THE HESSEDIANS IN CARDIA HAVE REJECTED THE OFFER OF PEACE


THE REASON THEY'RE REJECTING IT DESPITE BEING OUTNUMBERED
IS BECAUSE OF THE RUMOR THAT THE BELIAL OF HEGGED WILL COME
IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN IT'S CAUSE FOR CONCERN
YES. IF THIS CONTINUES, THE ENTIRE LAND OF CARDIA COULD BE IN DANGER.
BUT THEY HATE MASCANS SO MUCH, THEY WON'T LISTEN TO ANYTHING WE SAY.
DO I
HAVE TO ANSWER RIGHT AWAY?
AREN'T YOU GOING TO ASK ME WHY NOW...
AND WHY I'M ASKING YOU IN PARTICULAR?


IS THERE ANOTHER REASON BESIDES THE FACT THAT YOU LOVE ME?
NO...
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WHAT RIGHT NOW
MY HEAD FEELS CALMER AND COOLER... BUT I ALSO FEEL HAPPY I THINK A LITTLE
...I HATE YOU, MASTER


grab
YOUR FACE TELLS ME YOU WON'T ALLOW ANOTHER SURPRISE ATTACK.


I'M SORRY
I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT HOW MY ACTIONS WOULD STIR CONFUSION IN YOU
WHAT...
DO YOU WANT TO HEAR?
THAT TO ME...
THERE'S NO ONE AS SPECIAL AS YOU?



BUT...

YOU PROBABLY DON'T WANT ME YET.

BECAUSE...

YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT WANTING SOMEONE FEELS LIKE.

.....

ELIHUE!

AH...

ARE YOU GOING TO GO ALONG WITH EDA'S DECISION?

IF THE TRUCE BETWEEN THE TWO PARTIES COMES TO AN END,

THE HEAD ELDER TASA HAS ASKED THAT LIVES NOT BE WASTED BY FACING THE BELIAL.


THE NUMBER OF HESSEDIANS WITH ROOTS HERE IN CARDIA IS NOT SMALL.
WILL THEY REALLY RISK BRINGING DESTRUCTION TO THE LAND?
NOT MANY ARE AWARE OF IT.
BUT THEIR DEMON LORD IS RUMORED TO BE THE MOST POWERFUL OF ALL THE IMMORTAL BELIALS.
WE ARE NO MATCH FOR SUCH A WOMAN.
...
THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY THEN.


WE HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO EVACUATE AS MANY SIVILLANS AS POSSIBLE BEFORE WE PURIFY THE LAND
THERE MIGHT BE SOME SACRIFICES BUT IT'S PROBABLY THE BEST THING WE CAN DO
BOOM
.....
OWW... MY MUSCLES...


OW OW OW
IT HURTS...
Where the hell am I?
Kainen?


How did this happen?
Suddenly, I was trapped here.
While running, Yohan, who appears to be dead, chased me!
But a person can't use magic when he's asleep.
That means...
STOP PRETENDING YOU'RE ASLEEP AND WAKE UP NOW!!
ASA RELLA?
I can't believe his voice sounds so good right after waking up.
Oh, my...
LIM...
RIGHT! WHILE YORG WAS GETTING VICIOUSLY ATTACKED BY A MYSTERIOUS ENEMY...
WHAT IN THE WORLD WERE YOU DOING, DEMON LORD?
You were asleep like this?!


KILLED?
NO, THE WOUND WASN'T DEEP ENOUGH TO KILL HIM!
BUT—
THEN IT'S FINE
A DRAGON'S POWER TO HEAL IS GREATER THAN A MAGE'S
As long as he didn't die...
HEY... WAIT A MINUTE!
LOOK
EVEN SOMEONE LIKE ME FEELS PAIN WHEN YOU PULL ON THAT
ARE YOU GOING TO GET UP?
ALL RIGHT
Please let go


YOU COME AND GO IN MY HOME AS YOU LIKE
AND NOW YOU EVEN DISTURB ME IN MY BEDROOM
I FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE YOU HAVE A... SPECIAL REASON FOR COMING IN HERE
THIS IS NO TIME TO JOKE! DO YOU KNOW WHO'S OUTSIDE?
NOT REALLY
sfx: crash


HMM...
AS I EXPECTED, YOU'VE TUCKED HER AWAY CLOSE TO YOU.
GRAB
STOP


HELLO, SWEETIE...
YOU'RE AS GORGEOUS AS EVER
NO, YOU LOOK EVEN HOTTER THAN BEFORE...
YOU CUT YOUR HAIR HOW CUTE
But I like it long
They... know each other? Where is she sitting...?


NONE OF IT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED IF YOU HAD COME TO GREET YOUR VISITOR
VISITOR?
More like an intruder
WELL, NEVER MIND THAT
AND AS USUAL, SO KIND TO YOUR LOVERS
HOW CHAOTIC IS THIS?
I HAD BUSINESS WITH THAT GIRL FROM THE BEGINNING
—HO HO, WHAT'S THIS?
YOU WANT TO CONTINUE FIGHTING ME?
DIDN'T I ALREADY ADMIT I WAS BEATEN BY YOUR SWORD?
AREN'T YOU A TENACIOUS LITTLE THING?
You've got guts
ABOUT THAT—
WHY DON'T YOU ASK YOUR BROKEN SWORD?
I SEE THAT YOU'RE VERY ANGRY


HOW ABOUT THIS?
I APOLOGIZE FOR HURTING THAT DRAGON
YOU SHOULDN'T APOLOGIZE TO ME... FOR THAT...
ACHE
Huh...?
REALLY? THEN I'LL APOLOGIZE TO THE DRAGON.
My head.. What's happening?
HEY, BABY.
CAN I ASK YOU ONE THING?


WHAT THE HELL DID YOU DO TO THE HUNTER OF THE DEAD?
I SHOVED HIM INTO THE ABYSS OF THE DEAD
OH! I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO HAVE SEEN THAT LOSER GET IT.
THEN IT'S UNDERSTANDABLE THAT HE LOATHES YOU.
BUT WHY IS HE LUSTING AFTER THAT GIRL'S SPIRIT?
WHAT?

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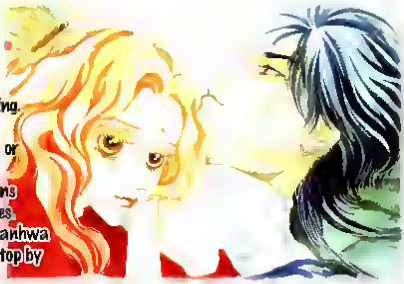
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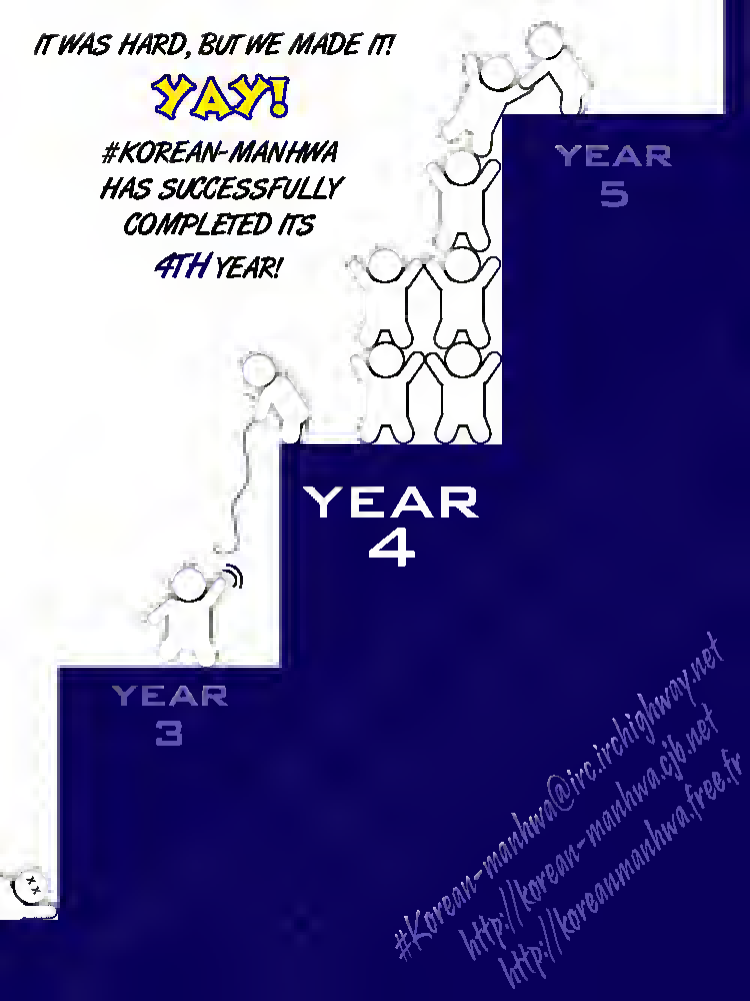
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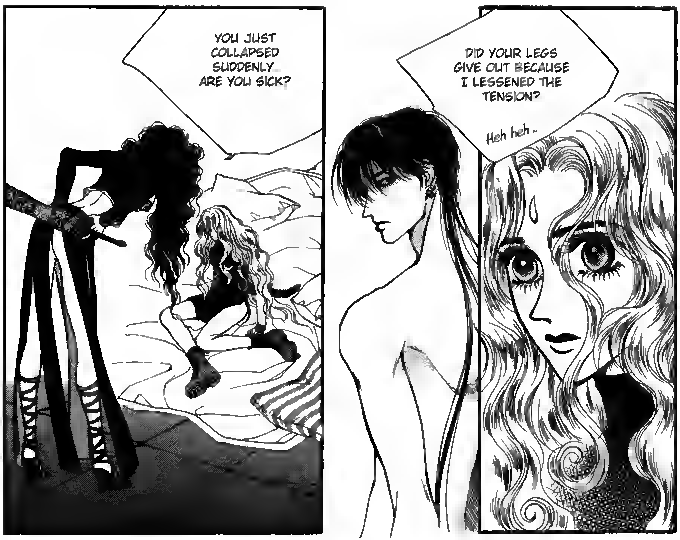
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I HAD SOMEWHERE
...HEY,
HEY. LITTLE GIRL.
MY HEAD
ACHES
.....
TO GO
LITTLE GIRL, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?


YOU JUST COLLAPSED SUDDENLY... ARE YOU SICK?
DID YOUR LEGS GIVE OUT BECAUSE I LESSENED THE TENSION?
Heh heh..
NOW...
I REMEMBER


MY HEAD IS CLEAR AGAIN
I... HAVE TO GO SOMEWHERE
MASTER...
I'M LEAVING NOW
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?


I CAN'T REVEAL THAT TO YOU!
step
step
step
IT MUST HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ME THEN
AREN'T YOU GOING TO RUN AFTER HER?
YOU'LL WORRY
WORRY?


I WILL DO NO SUCH THING
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THAT GIRL
SHE'S CERTAINLY...
UNEXPECTED
IS THAT WHY YOU'RE INTERESTED IN HER?
BUT IN THE END, SHE'S STILL JUST AN ORDINARY HUMAN.
SHE DOESN'T REALIZE IT YET, BUT SHE'S BOUND TO FALL HARD FOR YOU.
Just like the others.
AND AN UTTERLY ATTRACTIVE MAN
YOU'RE SOMEONE WHO'S PARTICULARLY WEAK AGAINST PEOPLE WHO LIKE YOU...


WHY DON'T YOU END IT RIGHT HERE?
THAT WOULD BE RATHER DIFFICULT SINCE I WAS THE ONE WHO FELL IN LOVE FIRST...
ISN'T IT MORE ACCURATE TO SAY YOU WANTED TO FALL IN LOVE?
WHAT IS THERE TO GAIN BY OBSESSING OVER SOMETHING IMPOSSIBLE?
AREN'T YOU...
SICK OF FRAIL HUMANS WHO WASTE AWAY AND DIE AFTER THEY'VE BEEN HURT BY YOU?


I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO WORRY ABOUT.
I SEE THIS IS SOMETHING THAT CAN'T BE RESOLVED BY TALKING...
HMPH... THAT UNFATHOMABLE EXPRESSION AGAIN
OF COURSE THE DEAL WAS SO RIDICULOUS NOBODY PAID ATTENTION, EXCEPT FOR ONE PERSON
THAT HUNTER OF THE DEAD BASTARD MADE A PROPOSITION TO ME AND OTHERS OF OUR RACE.
HE WANTED TO MAKE A BARGAIN FOR THE GIRL'S SPIRIT.
WHO WAS THAT?
Eight
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THOSE TWO INTEND TO DO WITH THE LIFE OF THAT GIRL?
THE ONE WHO CLAIMS SHE'S THE SPOKESPERSON FOR OUR KIND.
Though no one approved it...


WHAT, THE LADY OF HESSED!?
RABA!
HWOO
PLEASE SEND ME TO QAPES OF CARPIA RIGHT NOW!


SFX. WHOOSH
SHE'S ON THE MOVE.
I'M CERTAIN THIS IS THE ENERGY OF THE BOOK OF MAGIC MOVING TOWARD CARDIA
YOUR PLAN IS WORKING SO FAR.
BUT WILL THAT COLD-HEARTED BELIAL FOLLOW HER?


HE WILL.
IT MAKES SENSE IF WE REMEMBER THE REA INCIDENT
BEAUTIFUL REA
I SUPPOSE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THAT AWFUL DAY OF MASSACRE
IF WE'RE COMPLETELY FRANK ABOUT IT
FROM HIS PERSPECTIVE, SHE WAS A TERRIBLE TRAITOR
BUT HE ALONE STOOD BY HER AND FACED ALL THE BELIALS INTENT ON KILLING HER
AND THE ONLY REASON HE HAD WAS THAT SHE WAS A LOVER WHO WAS IN LOVE WITH HIM


FOR A WOMAN
WHO WOULD DIE LESS THAN 100 YEARS LATER
WELL... PERSONALLY, I THINK SHE'S AN AMIABLE, LOVABLE GIRL.
THIS IS SOMETHING EVEN REA COULDN'T ACCOMPLISH.
IS THE GIRL—ELIHJE'S APPRENTICE—WORTH GAMBLING ON?
I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S WHAT MOVED THE BELIAL'S HEART OR NOT...
BUT SHE CHANGED ELIHJE SOMEONE WHO HAD LIVED ALONE FOR 800 YEARS ISN'T THAT ENOUGH TO AT LEAST GIVE US HOPE?


ISN'T IT? RIGHT, ELIHUC
BUT I DEARLY HOPE YOUR CUTE WIFE WON'T BE TAKEN FROM YOU LATER ON
YOU CAUSED THIS AND DISGRACED THE ELDERS ALONG THE WAY. SO IT WILL ONLY BE WORTH-WHILE IF IT SUCCEEDS
I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOUR CONFIDENCE COMES FROM
ELDERS OF MASCA, I SWEAR BY HOLY NATURE THAT WHAT I SAY IS THE TRUTH


AFTER WE CHASED OUT THOSE UPSTART INVADERS FROM HESSED AND ARRIVED AT THE BATU PLAINS...
WE WERE FULL OF JOY, THINKING WE HAD SECURED A VICTORY AND THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO RECLAIM ALL OF OUR LAND.
NO... I'M NOT SURE IT WAS A WOMAN, OR EVEN IF IT WAS A PERSON.
BUT THEN... THAT WOMAN... APPEARED.
ALL I KNOW IS, AT THAT MOMENT, I WAS BLINDED BY A POWERFUL LIGHT.

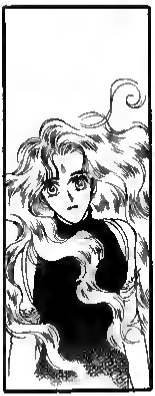



WHEN I REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS WHAT I SAW WAS

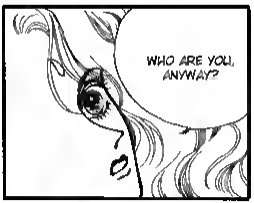

...HELL, WITH NOT A BLADE OF GRASS OR BONE IN SIGHT.
GREAT NATURE I DESPERATELY HOPE WHAT I SAW WASN'T REAL!
Good heavens... she's this powerful?
How strong is our defensive power?
IF I'M NOT CAREFUL...


...I COULD DIE.
"I GUESS THEY'RE REFUGEES TRYING TO ESCAPE THE WAR."
IS GAIDES THAT WAY?


SFX: SHOOM
SCREECH!
SCREE
WHAT A STRANGE-LOOKING BIRD
HEY!




IT'S A GOOD THING I HAD HIM FOLLOW YOU, JUST IN CASE
YOU HAVE GUTS TO COME TO SUCH A DANGEROUS PLACE


WHO ARE YOU, ANYWAY?


OH, DEAR CAN'T YOU SEE THE RESEMBLANCE?
Thought you were smarter than that




AH

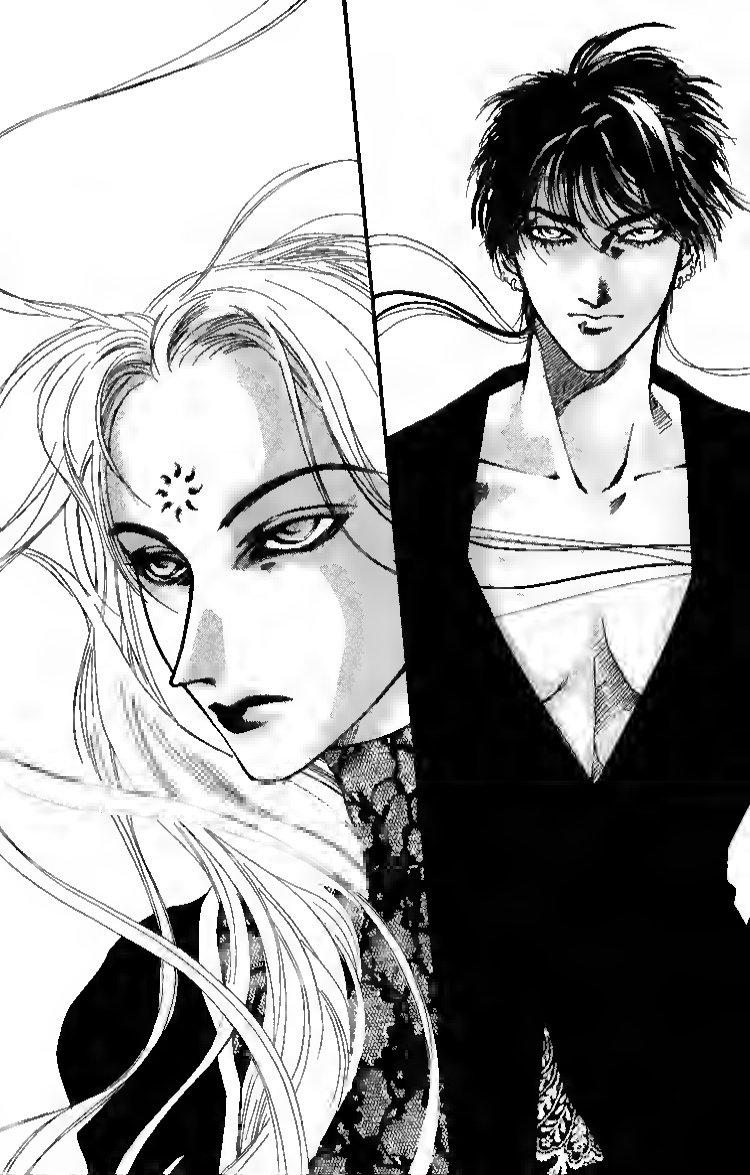

YES
I'M HIS TWIN SISTER, HADASSAH


I LIVE IN A LAND CURRENTLY CALLED BAREKET
...BAREKET?
...HOO HOO HOO
MY PEOPLE... THE BLESSED ONES OF HESSED
CARDIA IS, OF COURSE, YOURS
NOW THAT I'VE GIVEN YOU WHAT YOU WANT, YOU MUST LISTEN TO WHAT I WANT


GIVE ME THE LIVE, STILL-BEATING HEART OF A CERTAIN MASCAN—
ELTHIE THE ARCH MAGE OF SIVILLA


CHOOSE:
THE LIVES OF
ALL OR THE LIFE
OF ONE
HE?
AHHH!
SFX: RUMBLE


I HAVE COME TO WARN YOU...
WOMAN WHO IS NOW CALLED THE GODDESS OF MESSED




YOU THINK YOU CAN WARN ME?
DON'T
PROVOKE ME

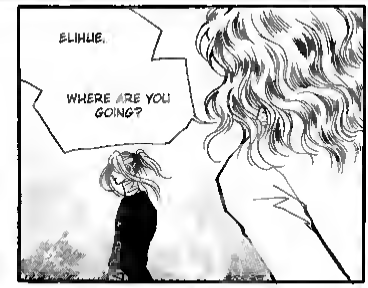

I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LEARN WITH AGE
DO YOU THINK YOU ARE A MATCH FOR ME
JUST BECAUSE YOU WERE ABLE TO GET THE BETTER OF THE HUNTER OF THE DEAD?
BUT I SEE YOU'RE STILL A RASH KID
GOOD EYES
I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE A PECULIAR ONE EVEN FOR ONE OF OUR KIND
BUT I SEE YOU'VE GROWN TO BE AN ATTRACTIVE MAN

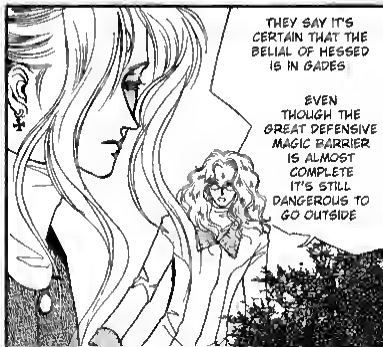

NOW, YOU CAN BE MY MATCH
I DON'T WANT TO TELL YOU TWICE.
WOMAN OF BLESSED
SFX: BLARE
OH HO HO HO HO HO HO
INSOLENT CHILD!


AH!
AAH?
SFX: ZZZT
SFX: BOOM
SFX: URGH
STILL
YOUR ABILITIES AS A WARRIOR ARE PATHETIC
SFX: GRAB


SFX. WHAM
SFX. SLIDE
I SHOULD SEAL YOU UNDERGROUND AGAIN TO TEACH YOU MANNERS
BUT SINCE YOU'RE AN ADULT NOW, I WON'T GO THAT FAR
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO USE YOUR MAGIC POWER FOR A WHILE
VISIT ME AGAIN WHEN YOU'RE HEALED


HANG THIS INSOLENT BASTARD ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF GADES


ELIHUE.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?


THEY SAY IT'S CERTAIN THAT THE BELIAL OF HESSED IS IN GADES
EVEN THOUGH THE GREAT DEFENSIVE MAGIC BARRIER IS ALMOST COMPLETE IT'S STILL DANGEROUS TO GO OUTSIDE


I'M GOING FOR A LITTLE WALK... YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY...
EL-
WHAT'S THE SOURCE OF THIS UNEASINESS THAT'S TORMENTING ME?

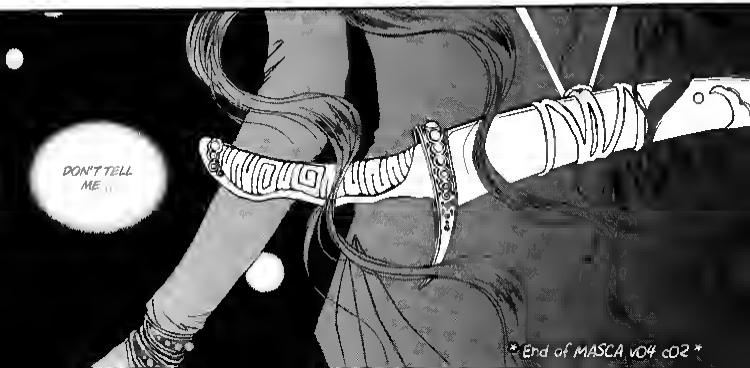












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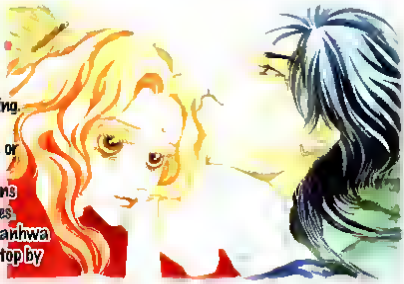
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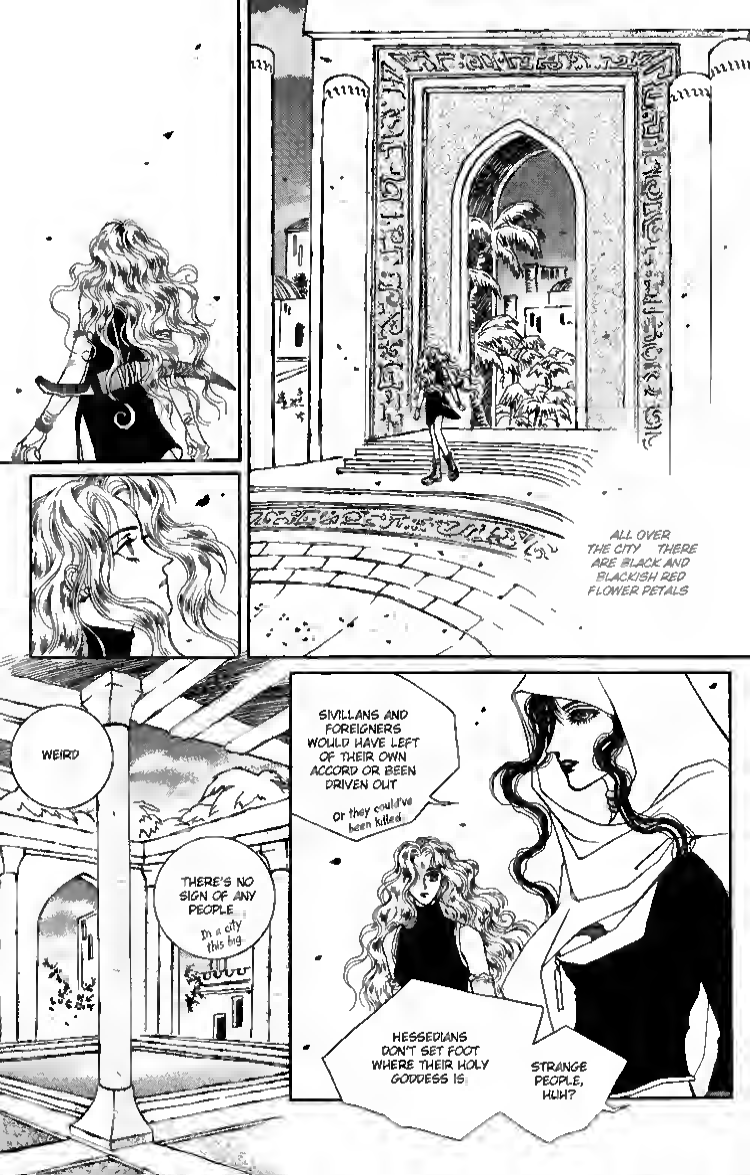


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READ FROM Left to Right*


ALL OVER THE CITY THERE ARE BLACK AND BLACKISH RED FLOWER PETALS
WEIRD
THERE'S NO SIGN OF ANY PEOPLE
In a city this big
SIVILLANS AND FOREIGNERS WOULD HAVE LEFT OF THEIR OWN ACCORD OR BEEN DRIVEN OUT
Or they could've been killed
HESSEDIANS DON'T SET FOOT WHERE THEIR HOLY GODDESS IS
STRANGE PEOPLE, HUH?


THIS IS A DANGEROUS PLACE. YOU'D BETTER LEAVE.
IT'S NOT A PLACE FIT FOR A MERE MAGE. WHY ARE YOU SO STUBBORN?
I CAME HERE ON MY OWN...
AND I'M WELL ABLE TO LEAVE ON MY OWN.
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME WORRYING ABOUT ME.
.....
KNOW THAT SOMETIMES A SITUATION MOVES IN A DIRECTION YOU CAN'T CONTROL.
INSOLENT LITTLE GIRL..
It's really quiet here...
Not paying attention at all...
...REALLY
I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT RAKNE'S OBJECT OF AFFECTION... BUT TO THINK IT'S SOMEONE LIKE HER!
She's nothing like Canar a...
THE SMELL OF BLOOD?
WAIT HERE. DON'T MOVE. IT'LL ONLY TAKE A MOMENT.


DRIP
TSK, TSK.
CLINK
CLINK
I KNEW THIS WOULD HAPPEN


DID THAT WOMAN HAVE ASHA'S CHAIN?
THAT CHAIN HAS THE POWER TO SUPPRESS THE RELEASE OF MAGIC POWER.
BUT SHE DIDN'T STICK HIM UNDERGROUND THIS TIME SO MAYBE THIS ISN'T SO BAD.
IT'S CLEAR HOW HE ENDED UP THIS WAY, THOUGH.
KISSING HIM IN THIS SITUATION WOULD BE QUITE STIMULATING.
STEP
STEP
STEP


swish
clink
KAINEN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
IF YOU HAD FREED HIS HANDS FIRST, HIS HEAD WOULD HAVE BEEN SPARED THE SHOCK
Impatient girl.
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK! YOU WERE JUST STANDING AROUND WATCHING HIM!
HIS MAGIC POWER WOULD HAVE BROKEN THE CHAIN AFTER A WHILE.
So it would have been a waste of energy to help
LET'S GET RID OF THIS CUMBERSOME THING!
BAM
STOP IT. I MEAN... BE CAREFUL!


I DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT... THE RECOVERY SPEED IS INCREDIBLE
In an instant the wounds are gone without a trace
I HAVE TO GO SO YOU SEND THIS TROUBLEMAKER BACK HOME
W-WAIT! WHY ARE YOU GUYS INTERFERING IN MY BUSINESS?
LIKE I SAID BEFORE, I'LL LEAVE HERE BY...
MY...


SHALL I MAKE A PREDICTION?
Cheeks are held for some reason
IF YOU FALL FOR HIM, IT WILL BE SO PAINFUL, YOU'LL WANT TO DIE
SFX: SHOOM
ZZT
.....
WHAT DID SHE SAY TO YOU?


NOTHING...
WHY WOULD SHE SAY SUCH A THING?
.....
THIS IS A DANGEROUS PLACE FOR YOU, SO GO BACK.
I'LL SEND YOU.
I DON'T KNOW WHY...
BUT YOU GUYS— EVERY TIME YOU SEE ME, YOU TELL ME TO GO BACK.
I KNEW THIS PLACE WAS CLOSE TO THE WAR ZONE. AND I PREPARED MYSELF FOR THE DANGER.
THAT MEANS I HAVE VITALLY IMPORTANT BUSINESS HERE.
WHY DO I HAVE TO FOLLOW YOUR EVERY COMMAND?
YOU SOUND LIKE A NAIVE CHILD. I'LL TELL YOU AGAIN,
THIS IS A DANGEROUS PLACE FOR YOU.


YOU MIGHT DIE.
FOR SOME REASON...
I FEEL VERY ANGRY
IF I WERE AFRAID OF DEATH...
I NEVER WOULD HAVE MET SOMEONE LIKE YOU!
YOU THINK I'M IN DANGER? I'M SORRY TO SAY THIS, BUT...
IT WAS YOU WHO WAS HANGING UPSIDE DOWN, NOT ME!


IT WAS SOMEWHERE AROUND HERE THAT RALT CALLED.
SFX ZING
.....!
IT'S BECAUSE IF YOU ARE TAKEN BY THAT BASTARD AGAIN, I WON'T BE ABLE TO RESCUE YOU.
RALT IS NEARBY
BUT WAIT, THIS VOICE IS
I'VE NEVER ASKED YOU TO RESCUE ME!
YOU SAY THINGS I CAN'T UNDERSTAND.
I'M THANKFUL FOR THE RESCUE ATTEMPTS, BUT I NEVER ASKED FOR THEM!


I CAN BLAST YOU AWAY TO YOUR HOME, BUT I'M ASKING BECAUSE I RESPECT YOUR OPINION.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU UNNECESSARILY MAKE A DEMON LORD MAD?
SINCE YOU'RE THE WOMAN I'VE FALLEN FOR...
WHY DO I HAVE TO KNOW THAT?
LET GO OF MY HANDS!
I DON'T INTEND TO LOSE YOU WITHOUT A FIGHT.



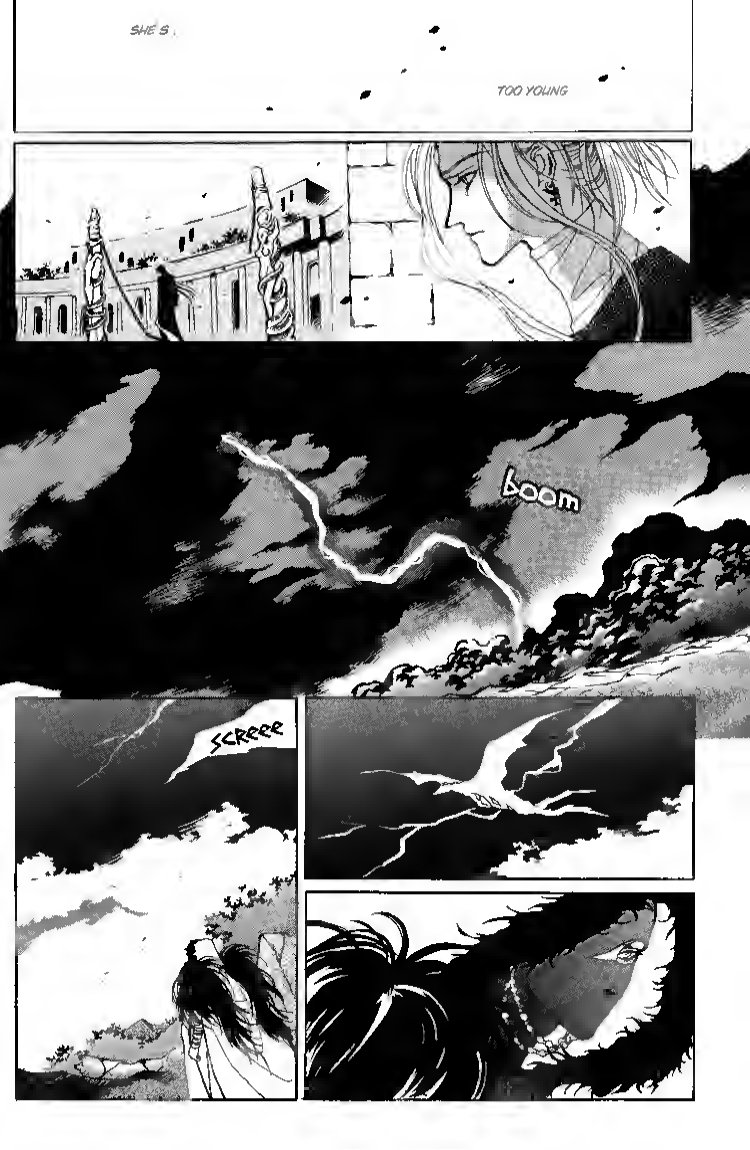

IT'S STRANGE
WHY IS THIS PERSON
ACTING LIKE THIS TOWARD ME?
FOR SOME REASON
IT'S DIFFERENT

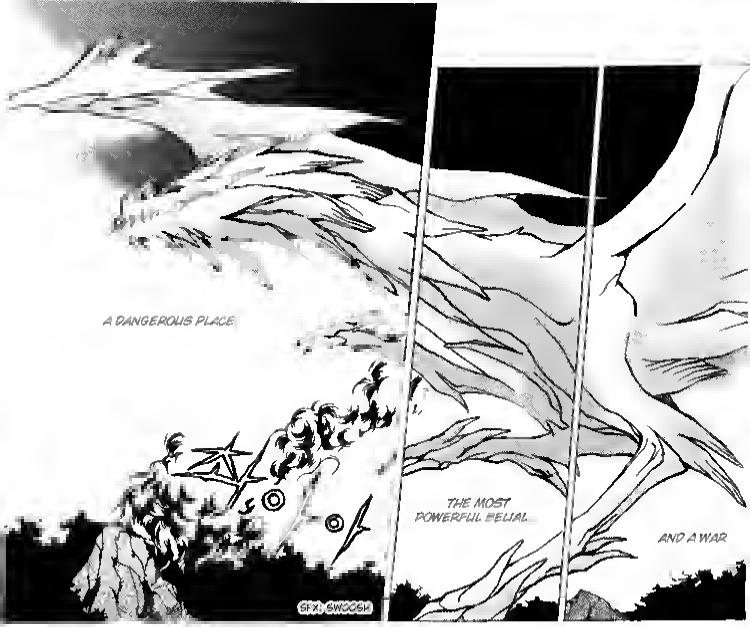

SUDDENLY
MY LIPS, TOUCHED BY HIS COLD LIP RING...
WERE IN LITTER
PAIN
SLAP


DON'T KISS ME WHENEVER YOU WANT.
I HATE SUDDEN KISSES LIKE THAT!
cold
IS ONLY YOUR MARRIAGE PARTNER ALLOWED TO DO THAT?


RABA!
I MUST HAVE BEEN MISTAKEN
I THOUGHT FOR A MOMENT...
THAT HIS HEART WAS RACING, FAST AND INTENSELY
YOU SAID YOU WOULD LISTEN TO ME THREE TIMES, RIGHT?
MOVE ME, IMMEDIATELY!
ANYWHERE AWAY FROM THIS PERSON!
SFX: SWOOSH


I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU CAME HERE,
BUT GO BACK!
DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO! EVER!
ZI
IS IT BETTER
TO JUST STOP HERE?
CLANK


SHE'S
TOO YOUNG
boom
SCREEE


A DANGEROUS PLACE...
SFX: SWOOSH
THE MOST POWERFUL BELIAL...
AND A WAR...

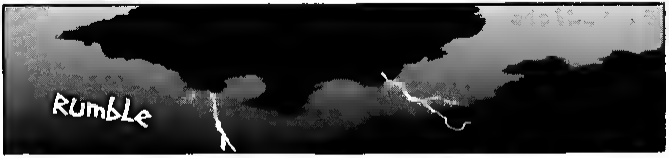


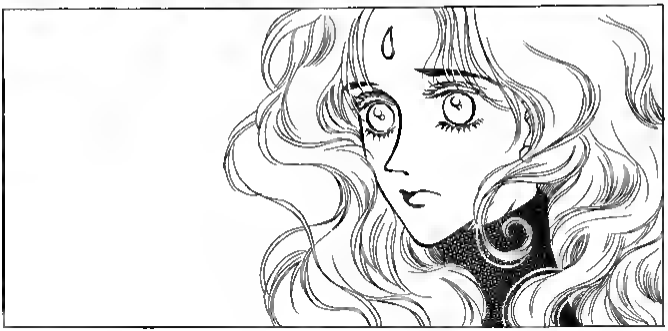

I CAN'T BELIEVE AN INNOCENT GIRL WAS LURED HERE TO BE USED AS BAIT
NOT REASONABLE AT ALL.


I MUST DO SOMETHING REGARDLESS OF THE CONTRACT


BUT WHERE WILL I FIND THIS YOUNG LADY?
THE SKY LOOKS STRANGE. MAYBE THERE'S A STORM COMING...
I KNOW I SAID ANYWHERE, BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHERE I AM...
IT WAS A MISTAKE TO JUST RELY ON RABA.
HOW WILL I FIND MASTER NOW?
And on top of that, I've used all three chances.
I'll have to walk with my own two feet now.
poof!

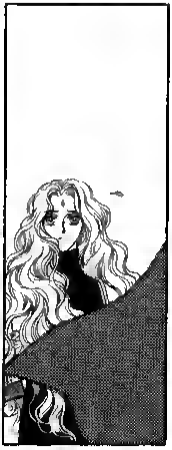

WOW! I JUST THOUGHT OF MASTER AND HE APPEARED IN FRONT OF ME
STEP
MA—
FOLLOW ME.
OR...
ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE LORD OF SIVILLA HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT THIS TIME AS WELL?
IT'S A GOOD THING RABA SENT YOU NEAR WHERE I WAS STAYING.
H-HOW DID YOU KNOW RABA SENT ME?
IT WASN'T HARD TO FIGURE OUT—
SINCE YOU, WITHOUT ANY TELEPORTATION POWER, ARRIVED IN GADES SO QUICKLY.


Rumble



MASTER?


THIS IS THE PLACE I'VE BEEN STAYING
IT'S GETTING LATE, SO SLEEP HERE TONIGHT I'LL SEND YOU HOME IN THE MORNING




UM...
MASTER...


I KNOW YOU'RE... UPSET
I-I'M SORRY FOR COMING HERE ON MY OWN.
IT'S JUST... I THOUGHT THE DEMON LORD OF HESSED... MIGHT PUT YOU IN DANGER.
I WANTED TO SEE IF YOU WERE ALL RIGHT.
I APPRECIATE YOU WORRYING ABOUT ME, BUT IT'S UNNECES-SARY
I CAN'T THINK OF ANY WAY YOU COULD HELP IN THIS SITUATION


GOOD NIGHT
HE WAS TOO...
COLD.
IT'S A FEEBLE REASON... IF I DO SAY SO MYSELF.
MASTER HAS EVERY RIGHT TO BE ANGRY
BUT...
SOMETHING WAS DIFFERENT ABOUT HIM.

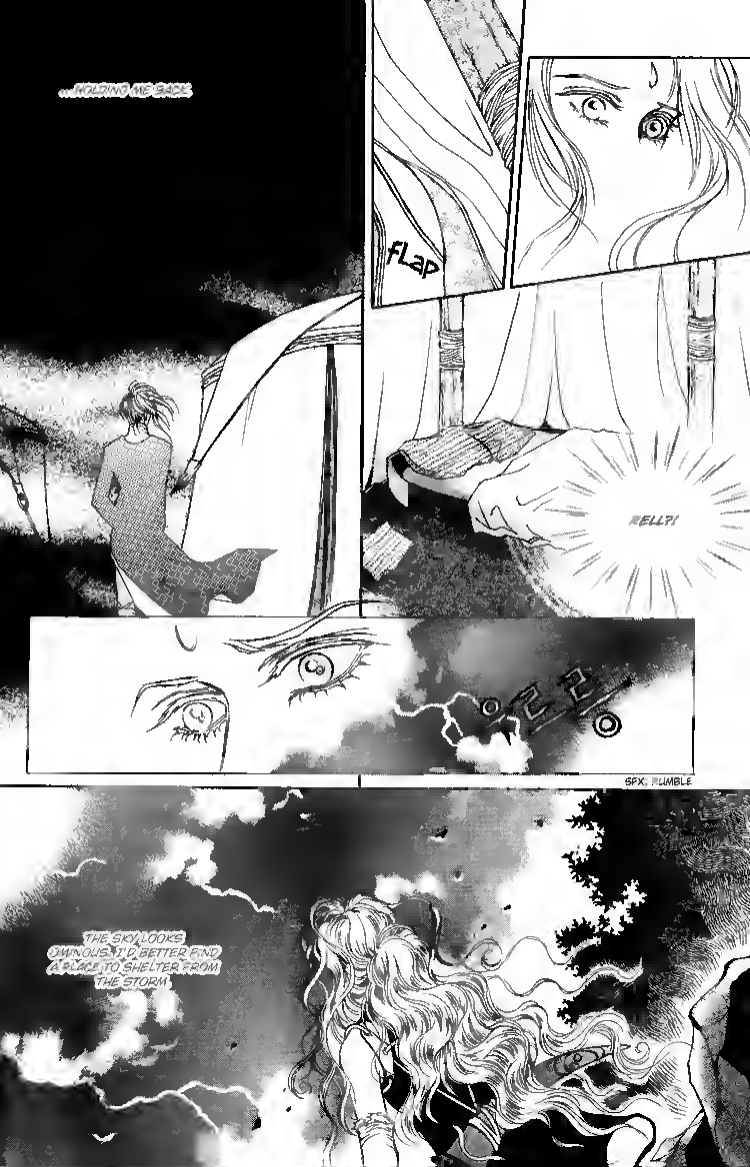

HAVE I ALWAYS BEEN ...
THIS AWKWARD AND IMMATURE?
WOULD IT HAVE BEEN BETTER IF I HADN'T SEEN IT?
I'M JUST... SOMEONE WHO PROPOSED TO HER.
DO I EVEN HAVE A RIGHT TO BE JEALOUS?
BUT...
I FEEL AS THOUGH MY BODY...
IS BEING TURNED INSIDE OUT


I'M SORRY... RELL...
BUT...
I DON'T WANT TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU...
SFX RUMBLE
WHAT?
THEY'LL AGREE TO A TRUCE...
IN EXCHANGE FOR ELHUE'S HEART?


WHY IN THE WORLD ARE THEY ASKING FOR THE LIFE OF AN ARCH MAGE OF THE HOLY MASCANS?
I DON'T KNOW THE REASON, BUT ACCORDING TO A TRUSTWORTHY SOURCE, THE BELIAL OF HESSED HERSELF ASKED FOR IT
IT'S NOT UNUSUAL FOR A BELIAL TO EAT THE ORGANS OF A LIVING PERSON
BUT IT IS UNCLEAR WHY IT HAS TO BE HIM.
I'M AGAINST IT!
IT'S AN OBVIOUS TRICK TO DIVIDE US, WE WHO ARE THE LAST LINE OF DEFENSE FOR THE REFUGEES!
Those shameless intruders from the East
HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN?
ELMAVE'S MAGIC POWER PLAYS A VITAL PART IN MAINTAINING THE GREAT DEFENSIVE MAGICAL BARRIER.
IF HE'S TAKEN FROM US THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES MOVING NORTH WILL BE IN GRAVE DANGER
SINCE SHE SAID SHE WOULD AGREE TO A TRUCE.
WHAT YOU FEAR WON'T HAPPEN


H-HOW DO YOU KNOW FOR SURE?
BECAUSE I KNOW BELIAL'S KEEP THEIR PROMISES
EEHHH, WH-WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
ARE YOU INSANE?
ARE YOU PLANNING TO SLICE OPEN YOUR CHEST AND OFFER YOUR HEART?
IS THIS THE SORT OF PROBLEM THAT CAN BE SOLVED BY A VOTE OF THE ELDERS?
TELL THEM TO GIVE ME 2 OR 3 DAYS
I'LL MAKE A DECISION BY THEN.
Um


...I'VE NEVER DOUBTED MY ROLE AS MEDIATOR OR SACRIFICE.
I GUESS THAT'S BECAUSE I'VE GAINED A LOT THROUGH BEING A MAGE.
I'VE LIVED AS A PRIVILEGED MAN OF STATUS...
AND AS AN ARCH MAGE, I'VE EARNED THE RESPECT OF THE PEOPLE.
GIVING UP MY LIFE IN EXCHANGE FOR HUNDREDS OR THOUSANDS OF OTHERS...
ISN'T THAT QUITE A NOBLE END TO MY LIFE?
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING


...HOLDING ME BACK.
FLAP
HELL?!
SFX: RUMBLE
THE SKY LOOKS OMINOUS. I'D BETTER FIND A PLACE TO SHELTER FROM THE STORM.


IF MASTER FINDS OUT I'M GONE, HE'LL WORRY.
I CAN LEAVE ON MY OWN. I WON'T BOTHER HIM ANYMORE.
HE CAME HERE FOR AN IMPORTANT REASON.
I GUESS I CAN GET HOME IF I KEEP GOING NORTH
FOR SOME REASON —
MASTER'S EYES LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT —
MADE ME SO SCARED


HMM... THERE MUST BE A HOLY TEMPLE TO GREAT NATURE...
SFX: WHOOSH
GOOD. I'LL BE AWAY FROM THE RAIN AND I CAN SLEEP THERE TOO
Is anyone here?
HAS EVERYONE EVACUATED?
ACHE
Boom
MY HEAD HURTS AGAIN...


MY HEAD HURTS SO OFTEN FOR SOME—
!!!!
SFX CRUNCH

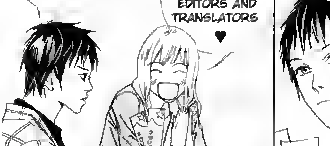

SFX: CRUNCH CRUNCH
SFX: GRR
IT'S... A DRAGON
I HAVE TO RUN
B-BUT I CAN'T MOVE


SFX: RUMBLE
ZERO
THERE ARE MORE THAN 2 POINTS EARTH'S MAGIC POWER.
WHERE ARE YOU...
ASARELLA?
THERE'S NO KNOWING WHETHER SHE'S NEAR ANY OF THEM.


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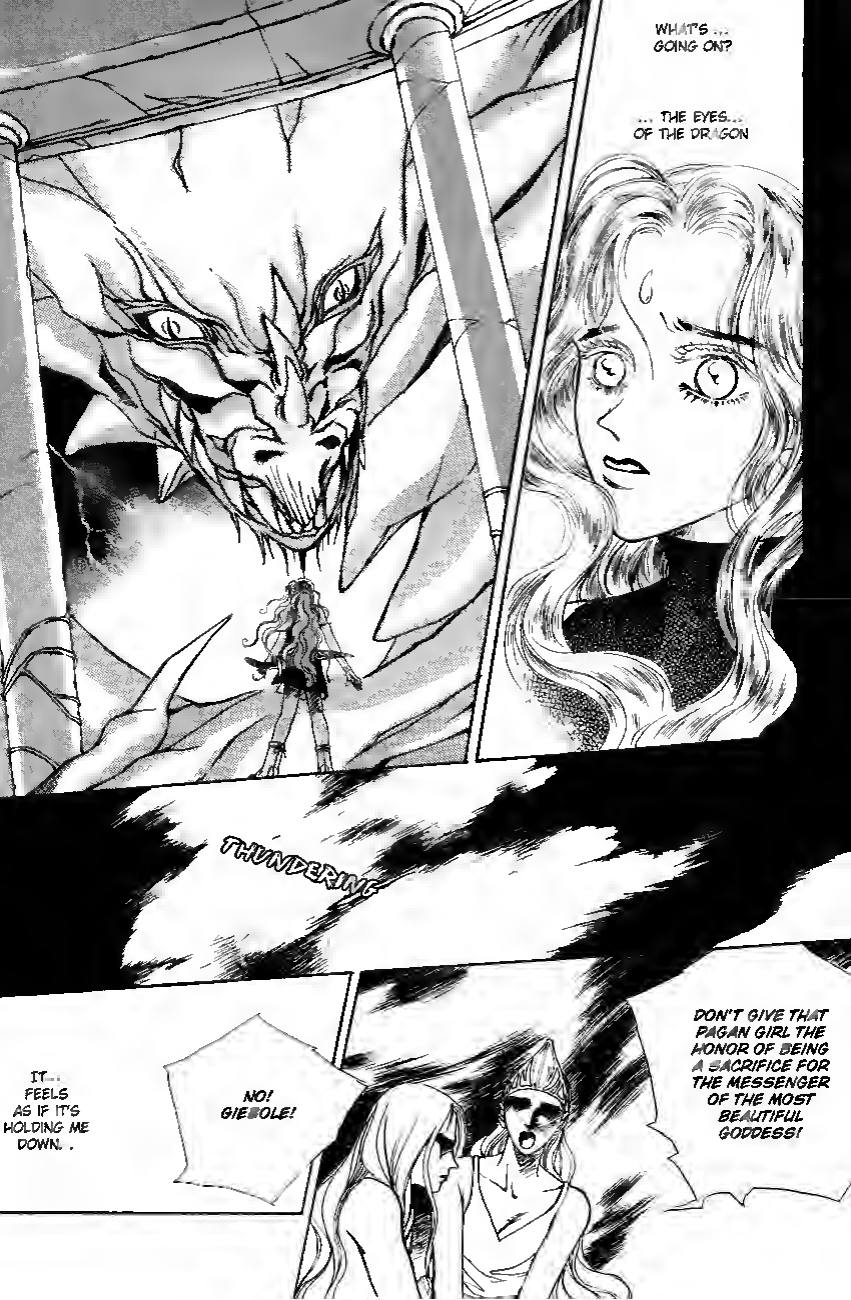




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WHAT'S ... GOING ON?
... THE EYES... OF THE DRAGON
THUNDERING
IT... FEELS AS IF IT'S HOLDING ME DOWN. .
NO! GIE■OLE!
DON'T GIVE THAT PAGAN GIRL THE HONOR OF BEING A SACRIFICE FOR THE MESSENGER OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL GODDESS!


DON'T IGNORE US!!
RELEASED...!
MUST GET AWAY...
IF NOT, I MIGHT DIE ...
JUST IN CASE,
THE DRAGON
IS INTERESTED IN ME THEN..


!
SEEING ME AS A CORNERED PREY ...
ENJOYING...
THIS...
thump
WILL... I DIE HERE LIKE THIS?
ALIVE!
EATEN BY THAT DRAGON..?
thump


THE POWER TO PROTECT OTHERS AND YOURSELF
IS WITHIN YOUR HEART.
IS IT ABLE TO PENETRATE THE HARD SKIN OF THE DRAGON WITH MY RALT?
WOULD IT WORK JUST BY ITSELF?
NOT SURE OF WHETHER I'LL SURVIVE IT OR NOT, BUT ONE THING'S
AT LEAST...
I DON'T WANT TO BE EATEN LIKE THIS...!


THERE'S ONLY ONE CHANCE AT IT...
...SORRY...


BUT
I...
SFX: SLIIIIT
THE RALT...?
RELL?
ELIHUE!

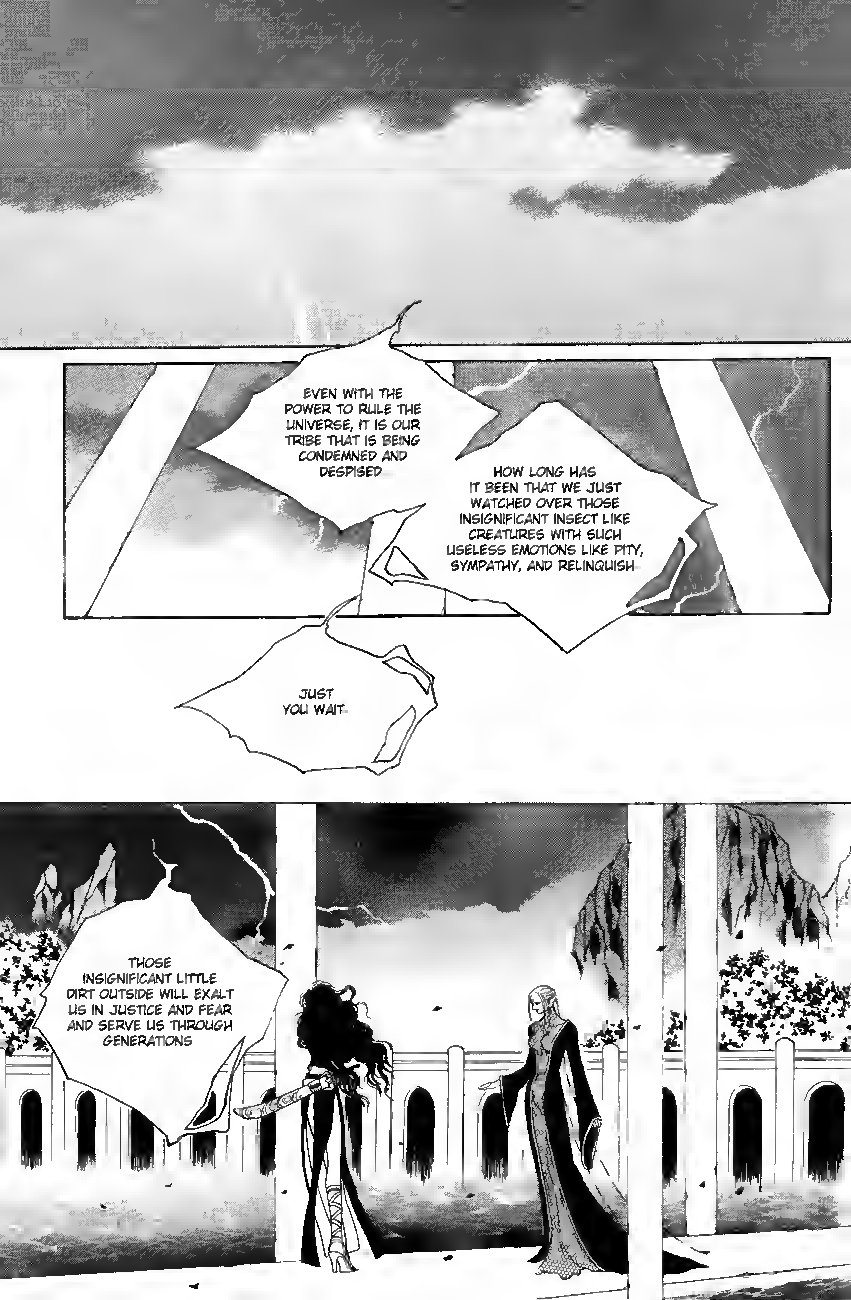

ELIHUE, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN INSTEAD OF GOING TO YOUR QUARTERS?
BOOOO
LET'S HURRY AND GO TO THE NUCLEUS THAT SUPPORTS THE MAGIC POWER!
QUARRRR
THE DEFENSIVE BARRIER IS BEING TORN DOWN SLOWLY FROM THE OUTSIDE!!

KUAAAA
SFX BAM


EVEN THOUGH HE WAS SCARY
.....
I SHOULD HAVE STAYED... NEXT TO HIM...
SFX BOOOO
SWOOSH


THE RAT THAT EMITS THE FIERCE SIGNALS OF ASKING FOR HELP WAS HERE
ANYWAY, SHE'S SUCH A LADY
SORRY, BUT FIGHTING AGAINST YOU WASN'T PART OF THE DEAL


THERE'S NO WAY THAT DAGGER HAS THE MAGIC POWER TO DRAW ME HERE.
THAT MEANS THERE'S A THIRD PARTY WHO EXPLODED HIS POWER HERE ...
WHERE'S THE OWNER OF THAT DAGGER?


EVEN WITH THE POWER TO RULE THE UNIVERSE, IT IS OUR TRIBE THAT IS BEING CONDEMNED AND DESPISED
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN THAT WE JUST WATCHED OVER THOSE INSIGNIFICANT INSECT LIKE CREATURES WITH SUCH USELESS EMOTIONS LIKE PITY, SYMPATHY, AND RELINQUISH
JUST YOU WAIT.
THOSE INSIGNIFICANT LITTLE DIRT OUTSIDE WILL EXALT US IN JUSTICE AND FEAR AND SERVE US THROUGH GENERATIONS


THE HEART OF MASCAN RACE IS JUST THE BEGINNING.
WHAT AN EXCUSE.
IS THAT WHY YOU HUNG HIM UPSIDE DOWN WITH THE CHAIN OF YASHA?
YOU'RE SAYING IT'S FOR THE SAKE OF OUR RACE BUT HOW THREATENING YOU ARE TO JUST OFFER OUR OPINIONS?
.....
I JUST PAID AN ADEQUATE PRICE OF PUNISHMENT TO A GUY WHO WAS OUT OF CONTROL.
OUR RACE POSSESSES THE POWER TO TEAR APART THIS UNIVERSE IF WE WANT TO.
WHATEVER IT TAKES. I'LL UNITE THAT POWER


AMONG THE SEVEN OF OUR RACE, HOW MANY ARE THERE LEFT WITHOUT LAKNE AND ME, INCLUDING HIM?
YOU MIGHT HAVE THE MAJORITY IF YOU SOMEHOW DOMINATE THE TWO.
snort
EVEN IF IT'S NOT THE WHOLE, BUT YOU'LL HAVE AT LEAST THE REST OF THE HALF UNLEASHED
KUUURRRUNG
IT'S NOT BAD TO CONTROL THE WORLD AS A GOD OR RULER.
BUT I REALLY DON'T LIKE TO JOIN OUR FORCES WITH THE DESPICABLE SPIRIT HUNTER WHO TOYS AROUND WITH SPIRITS OF THE DEAD.
COUNT ME OUT OF YOUR GRAND SCHEME.


.....
I DID HELP HER WITHOUT THINKING, BUT THERE'S STILL A PROBLEM
ALTHOUGH I WANT TO SEND HER SOMEWHERE SAFE


SAID THAT I WOULD ENJOY. .
THE CONTRACT THIS TIME...
SEX SHOP
WHAT'S THIS?


...I THOUGHT SOMETHING WAS APPROACHING...
...WAS I WRONG?
THUNDERING
DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU SOUND LIKE?
LIKE A MEANINGLESS RANT OF A DELUSIONAL SOMEONE'S MERE EXCUSE TO SHED INNOCENT BLOOD?
TRASH THAT THIRSTS FOR SLAUGHTER.
AT LEAST I
...CAREFUL WITH YOUR WORDS
ARE YOU PLANNING TO FACE ME, HADATSA.
WHY WOULD I-
YOU'RE NO MATCH FOR ME
NO LONGER NEED TO SEEK A JUSTIFICATION FOR THE SLAUGHTER


GIEBOLE!


swish
I WAS GONNA END THIS WITH DESTROYING THEIR GREAT DEFENSIVE BARRIER AND TAKING OUT THE HEART OF ELIHLIE.
THEY'VE BLINDED MY PRECIOUS GIEBOLE'S ONE EYE FOREVER
THAT DAGGER
A DAGGER WIELDED BY A MAGICIAN


CHALLENGING ME WITH NOT EVEN A HANDFUL OF SHALLOW POWER,
THEY'LL BE OVERWHELMED BY THE PRICE FOR THAT.
YOU INSECT-LIKE RACE
I WON'T LEAVE ONE DROP OF YOUR BLOOD ON THIS LAND
swish


SEALING THE MAGICAL NUCLEUS
WHO HAS THE POWER TO DESTROY THE BARRIER..?
RALT..
SHATTERED..?!
MAYBE...
SOMETHING HAPPENED TO RELL...?


YOU'RE



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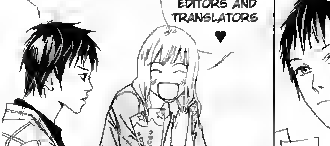
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The second character sketch

Elihue

Surname is Ger Elihue Sibro. From honorable Barrecate, born between the great magician Elias and Romilla. (The name Ger means traveler, generally it's a title given to a great magician who always travels around, and 'Sib' goes with the seat of the council) Due to his gentle and intellectual appearance, he's a character that is often mistaken as a kind person despite his true temperament. His icy coldness is even worse than the devil king. Perhaps it's because he's always soft on his pupil and lover, Asorella. He's also passionate. The criticism on him raising his own lover since she was a baby, and the supports of lady readers who prefer his soft appearance are his dilemma while he's being hated by the fans of the devil king (Well~ Most of Elihue's fans aren't so hateful toward the devil king, but what's wrong with them) For the record, very rare for [illegible], he possesses magic power that equivalents to 2000 years of magic years. (equals to the level of the council members) although his power seems like nothing compared to powerful devil king's... I want to say that in truth it's not likely(^^;)


YOU...
REMIND ME OF A GUY WHOM I KNEW ONCE.


SFX:-BAM
TU DU DUK
SHOOSH
..ELIK..
..WAIT T..THAT LADY IS..
...!


SFX: POW
LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE SAVED THE GIRL
FOR NOW I'LL SHOW YOU MY GRATITUDE—
FOR ME, IT'S TOO MUCH TO CATCH UP TO THE MAGICIANS' INTERACTIONS
CAN'T BE THERE IN TIME.
...
WAY TO SHOW YOUR GRATITUDE...
IS VERY UNIQUE.
BECAUSE OF YOUR HELP, YOU WERE ABLE TO LIVE.


ARE YOU THE... INFAMOUS... BELIAR?
IF YOU DARE LAY YOUR HANDS ON HER
I WILL KILL YOU.
.....
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'RE REFERRING TO ALL OF A SUDDEN.
Thump

This... Sound of heartbeat...?

Low...

Beating very fast...

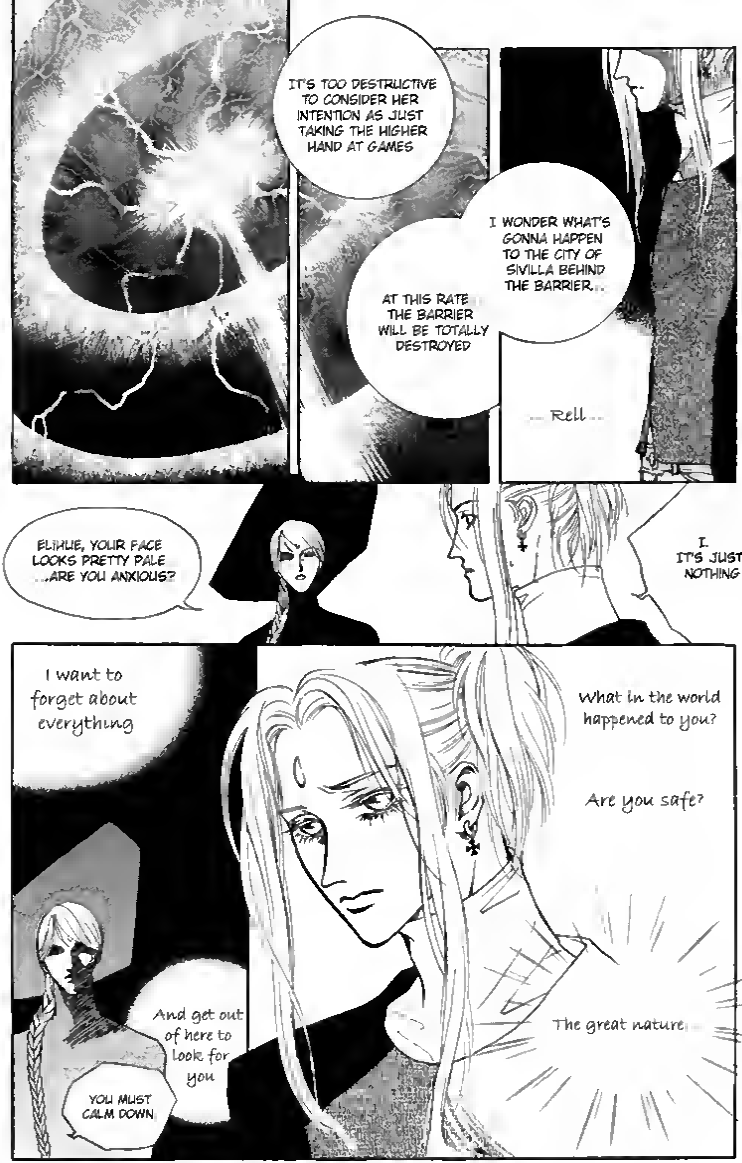
Familiar beating...



TEACHER...


IT'S INEVITABLE
EVEN IF WE SEAL DOWN THIS MAGICAL NUCLEUS, HER DESTRUCTIVE POWER WILL SURPASS THE POWER OF THE SEAL


WE HAVE NO OTHER SOLUTION BUT TO KEEP SUPPORTING THE DEFENSIVE BARRIER TO BLOCK THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER.
HOW LONG DO YOU THINK THE SPHERES THAT CONNECT THE CONSISTING BARRIER WILL LAST?
THE CRACKS ON THE BARRIER ARE FASTER THAN THE RESTORATION POWER... TRULY AMAZING AMOUNT OF POWER
SHE TRULY IS THE BELIER OF HESSED
WUUNG
SHE HAS ASKED FOR ELIHLIE'S HEART. SHE HAS GIVEN US THREE NIGHTS TO THINK ABOUT IT, AND TONIGHT IS THE LAST NIGHT!
IF IT WAS GONNA BE LIKE THIS, WE SHOULD HAVE JUST FACED HER FROM THE START!

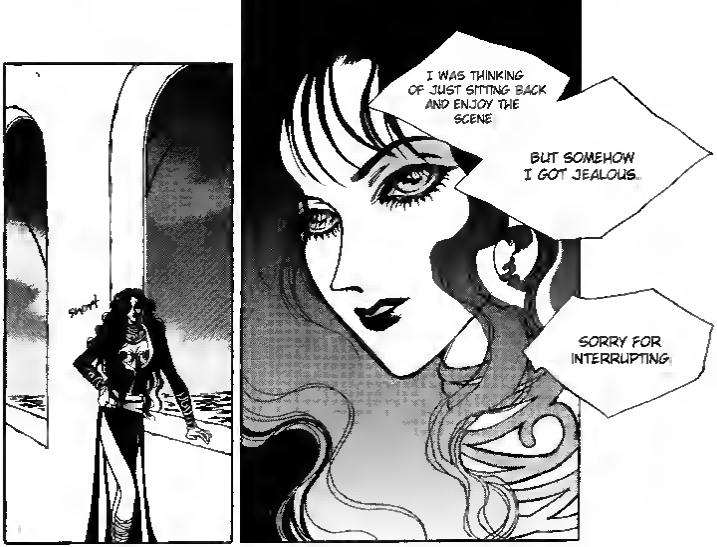

IT'S TOO DESTRUCTIVE TO CONSIDER HER INTENTION AS JUST TAKING THE HIGHER HAND AT GAMES
I WONDER WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN TO THE CITY OF SIVILLA BEHIND THE BARRIER...
AT THIS RATE THE BARRIER WILL BE TOTALLY DESTROYED
...Rell...
ELIHUE, YOUR FACE LOOKS PRETTY PALE ...ARE YOU ANXIOUS?
I. IT'S JUST NOTHING
I want to forget about everything
What in the world happened to you?
Are you safe?
The great nature...
And get out of here to look for you
YOU MUST CALM DOWN.


THOUGH IT LOOKS COARSE, SOMEWHAT USEFUL OF A DEFENSE MECHANISM.
EVENLY SPREAD POWERS, AND MOREOVER, IT'S EFFECTIVELY DRAWING OUT THE NATURAL POWER RESOURCES FROM THE SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT.
THERE'S A WISE MAGICIAN ON THE OTHER END
YOU SHOULDN'T WORRY JUST GATHER UP THE HESSEDIANS AROUND THIS AREA AND RECEDE AS FAR AS YOU CAN FROM HERE
BEFORE THE SUNRISE TOMORROW..
BUT EVEN ALL THAT EFFORT IS USELESS OTHER THAN BUYING THEM LITTLE MORE TIME. NOTHING CAN STOP ME ANYWAY.
THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT GIVING YOU THIS LAND OF CARDIA AS YOUR POSSESSION.


ALL THE MASCAN INSECTS THROUGHOUT THE LAND OF SIVILLA WILL BE EXTERMINATED




...indeed it was you,
The lovely baby from 20 years ago...
STOP IGNORING A PERSON AND AT LEAST SAY "HI" ALREADY


SWIP!
I WAS THINKING OF JUST SITTING BACK AND ENJOY THE SCENE
BUT SOMEHOW I GOT JEALOUS.
SORRY FOR INTERRUPTING.


GOOD. CHANGE THE GIRL'S CLOTHES WHILE YOU'RE HERE.
SOMEWHERE IN THIS ROOM, SOME OF HER CLOTHES SHE LEFT BEHIND MIGHT STILL BE HERE.
OH~
ISN'T IT BETTER TO DO IT YOURSELF?
DON'T YOU KNOW I GET MORE AROUSED BY A FEMALE'S BODY?
I have weak will power
...
SPACK
...UNDERSTOOD. CALM DOWN.

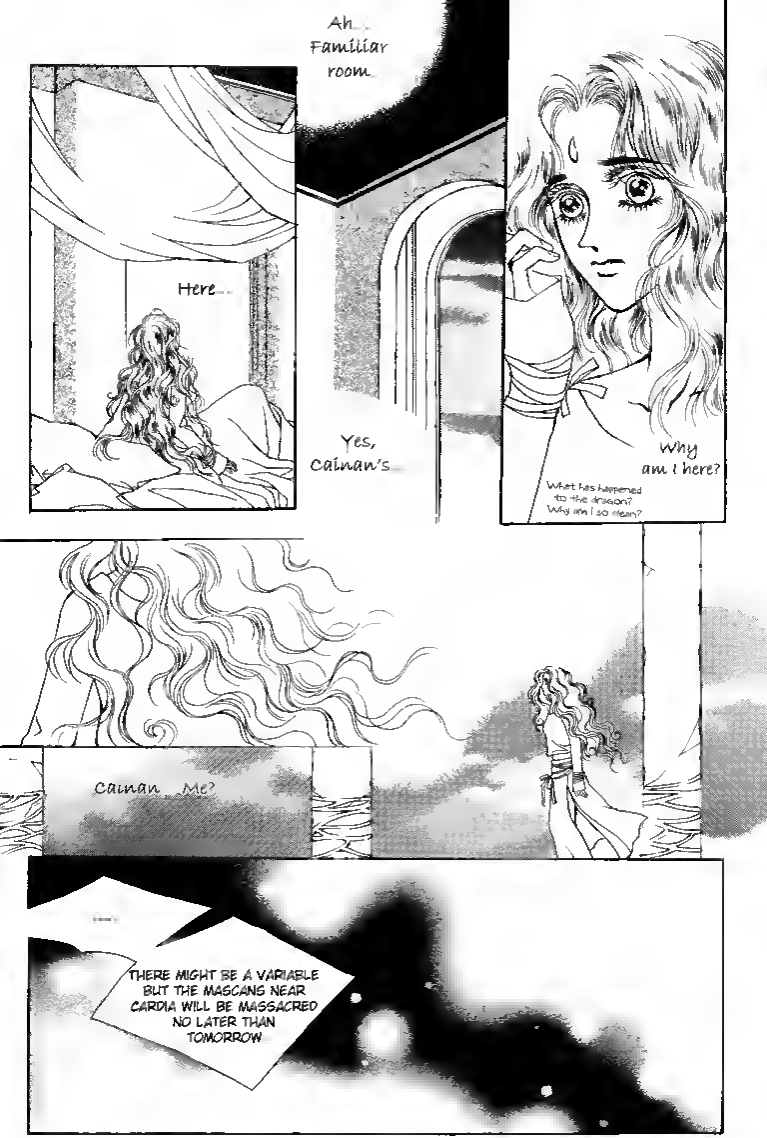

EXCUSE
JUST AN EXCUSE FOR THE MASSACRE
THAT WOMAN IS DOING SOMETHING USELESS.
IF MY PREDICTION SKILL HASN'T RUSTED
TH T WOMAN WILL GO INSANE AND TRAMPLE THIS CONTINENT.
R.U.MBLE


CRACK
AHK!
AHAN!
BARRIER DAMAGED...! DESTRUCTION STARTING TO TAKE PLACE...
CALM DOWN!
TELL THOSE AWAITING MAGICIANS TO LEAD THE PEOPLE TO THE FAR NORTHERN END!
ELIHLIE WILL START RESTORING THE BARRIER!


Rohtmelle
Shahaka
THE BARRIER IS RESTORED!
.....


GREAT THAT'S QUITE A MAGICIAN..
GOOD.... VERY GOOD...

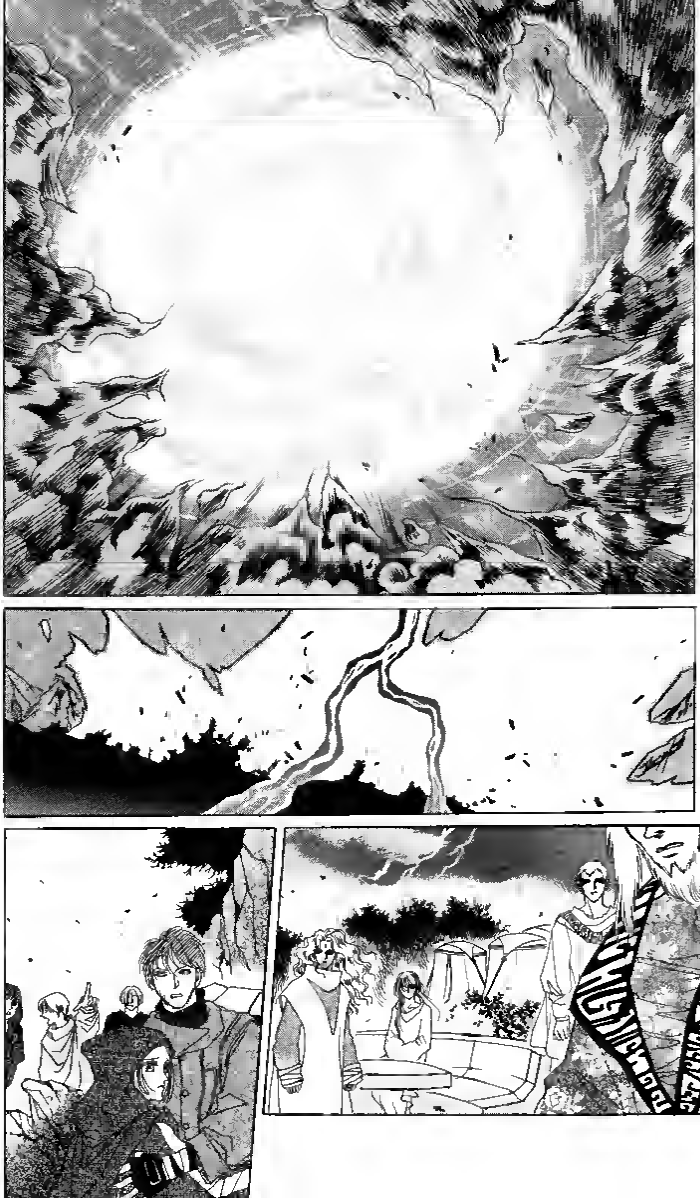

FLASH
WOW-!
Da...
cough
ELIHUE-!!


Ah... Familiar room...
Here...
Yes, Cainan's...
Why am I here?
What has happened to the dragon? Why am I so mean?
Cainan... Me?
THERE MIGHT BE A VARIABLE BUT THE MASCANS NEAR CARDIA WILL BE MASSACRED NO LATER THAN TOMORROW


Teacher...!
SHE SAID SO HERSELF THAT SHE'LL KILL EVERY MASCAN THERE IS.
WHAT IS THE REASON FOR YOU TELLING ME THIS COMING ALL THE WAY HERE?
Teacher...!
IT'S OBVIOUS..
WHAT?


I KNOW THAT ELIHWE'S IN CARDIA
ARE YOU GOING TO HIM?
CAINAN...
GOING BACK AND FORTH THE LAND OF DEATH ISN'T ENOUGH FOR YOU THAT YOU'RE TRYING TO GO BACK TO THE LAND OF DEATH AGAIN?
PULL
I DID WARN YOU, THAT YOU MAY DIE!
Hurts...


LET GO OF ME, CAINAN
I... MUST BE BY TEACHER'S SIDE...
How important teacher is to me...
This person,
Doesn't understand...






The Great Wall
of Defense Barrier
is coming down!



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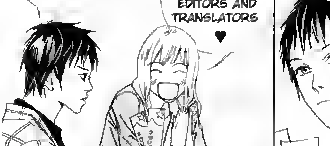
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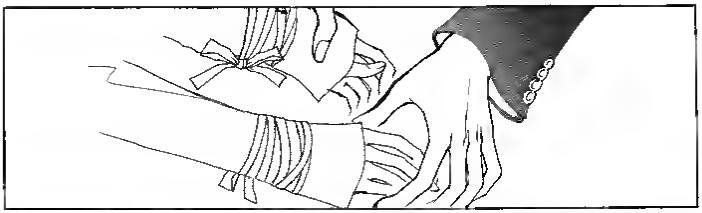


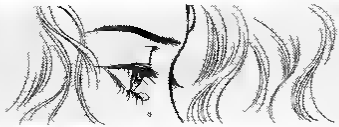
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STEP STEP STEP

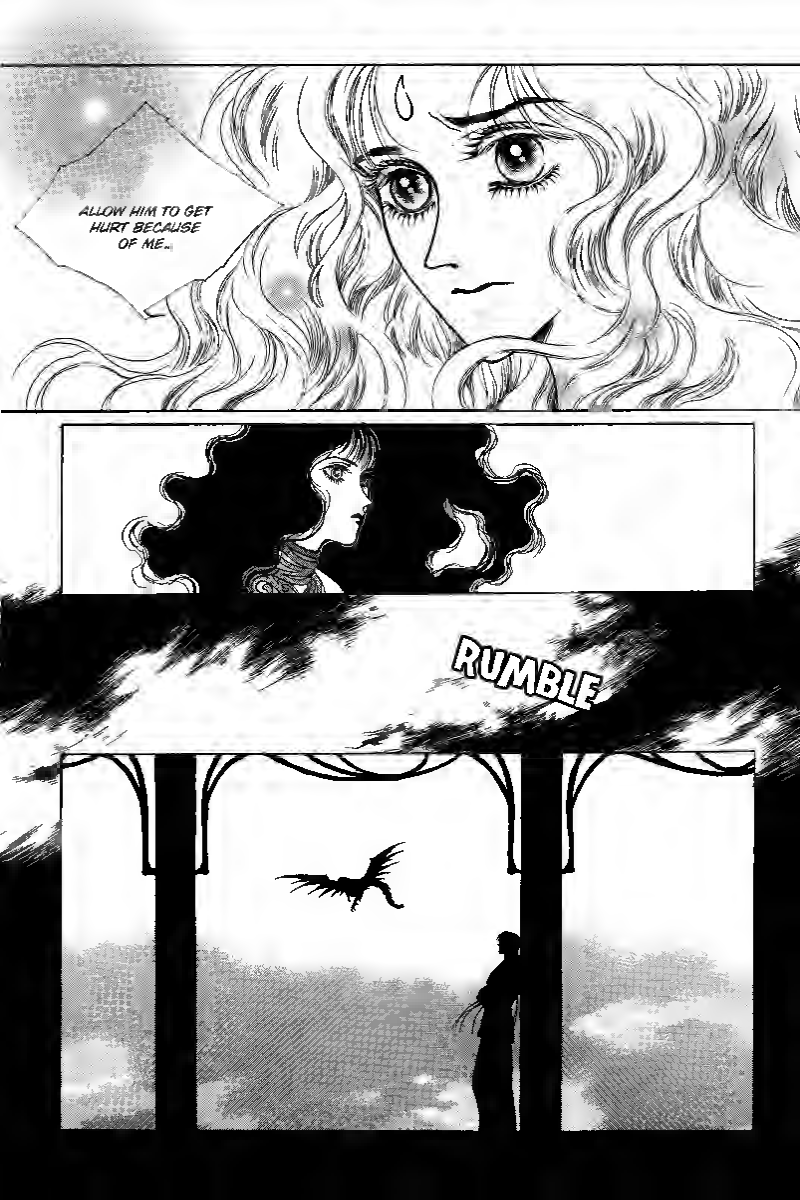

.....
RUMBLE
...YORG...


SORRY...
YORG...
I CAME OUT CLAIMING THAT I CAN HANDLE MYSELF... BUT THIS IS ALL I AM.
PLEASE TAKE ME TO CARDIA...


REALLY... SUCH A STUBBORN GIRL YOU ARE.
LEAVING EASILY AND TRYING TO TAKE THE HARDER WAY AROUND...
KRRR
He's not bad because against Hasmia.
TTTTTTTT
...
WHAT? I'LL APOLOGIZE AFTER TALKING WITH HER SO STAY AWAY, YOU INSOLENT ONE
KRR
JUST BECAUSE YOU'RE AN IDIOT...
DOESN'T MEAN YOU CAN'T THINK IN THE FIRST PLACE?

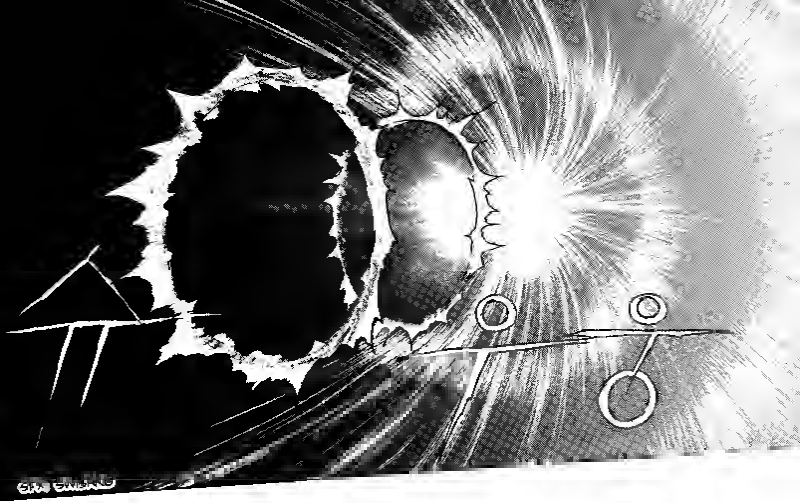

HE'S THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN SAVE YOUR TEACHER
WITH THESE SMALL LOVELY HANDS—
WHY CAN'T YOU CONSIDER CLINGING ON TO HIS CHEST AND PLEADING WITH HIM?
...BEFORE
IF YOU ASK HIM TO HELP YOUR TEACHER FOR YOUR SAKE, HE HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO DO IT.
THERE WAS AN INCIDENT IN WHICH HE WAS HURT BADLY, TO SAVE MY LIFE.


HE NEVER TOLD ME WHAT CAUSED THAT INJURY
AND NEVER MADE AN IMPLICATION THAT IT WAS FOR MY SAKE...
FOR ME.
THERE WAS NO REASON TO DO THAT.. FOR ME.
HIS DOING THAT IS SO PRESSURING AND SO PAINFUL.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER YOU CALL ME AN IDIOT OR NOT
I.. WILL NEVER AGAIN...


ALLOW HIM TO GET HURT BECAUSE OF ME..
RUMBLE


ARE YOU JUST GOING TO STAND THERE, AND LET HER GO?
I CAN SEE RIGHT THROUGH YOU, THAT YOU'RE WORRIED. HONEY~
LEAVE IT.
IT'S GOING TO TAKE AT LEAST 3 DAYS TO FLY TO CARDIA, EVEN WITH YORG'S WINGS
BY THE TIME SHE GETS THERE, EVERYTHING WILL BE OVER.
HMM...
ARE YOU MAD?
SAYING THAT LITTLE GIRL WON'T MAKE IT THERE IN TIME


WELL YOU'LL NEVER KNOW THAT?
SFX WHEE
TEACHER...
SFX: WOOONG
YORG...?
SFX: GEEEEING


SFX: GUGUGU


WHO AMONG YOU IS ..
ELIHUE?
THIS LADY IS HESSED'S
....
I'M ELIHUE.
ARE YOU THE ONE WHO REQUESTED MY HEART?


EVERYONE FLEE...
SFX KUOOO
KUOOOOO
KUOOOOO


SFX. SHWAA
SFX. CRACK CRACK
HO.
SFX. GUGUGUG


SFX: KEEENG


SFX: KWANG
SFX: KUUUNG
IT STOPS HERE, CHILD.
DID YOU REALLY THINK THAT THROWING ROCKS AT ME WOULD ACTUALLY WORK?
쿠웅


THE FOREST...
IS CRYING...
...TEACHER...


Chaa
WHERE DO I GO?
Chaa
LAVA...
SFX: RUMBLE
YOU'RE THE FIRST ONE TO LAST THIS LONG AGAINST ME
IS IT BECAUSE YOU SWALLOWED LAKNE'S HEART?


YOU'RE CUTER THAN I THOUGHT, SO I WAS THINKING OF LETTING YOU LIVE A LITTLE LONGER.
SFX "RIP"
YOUR HEART— MUST BE INSIDE THIS WARM CHEST?
I'LL RIP OUT YOUR HEART RIGHT IN FRONT OF YOUR EYES AND EAT IT SLOWLY.
ABSOLUTELY SEALED DOWN !



ANYWAY...

I CAN ONLY THINK OF ONE THING...


...RELL?!
RELL...
H..HOW DID YOU GET...


HURRY..HURRY UP AND LEAVE..! IT'S... DANGEROUS...
YOU WERE... SAFE
TEACHER...
SFX: RUMBLE
I...
MUST BECOME YOUR BRIDE...
EVEN...IN THIS SITUATION...
SO,
HOW CAN I ONLY THINK ABOUT ONE THING..?
YOU CAN'T DIE..


IN THAT MOMENT...
KRRR
COULDN'T EVEN FEEL THE PAIN...

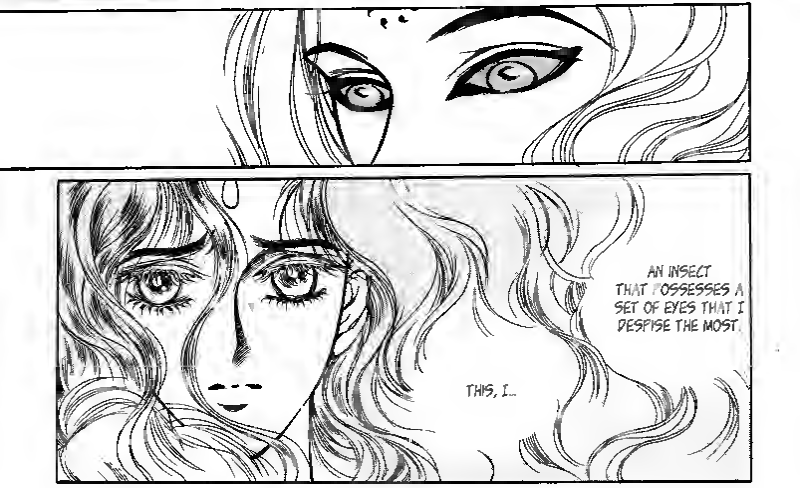
SPARK
FLOP
SHUN


PAK
RELEASED...!!
SWOOSH
Shuuuk


PRECIOUS ONE...
MY...


BLEEDING FOREST
THE LIVING FORMS ON THE TERRAIN ARE WAILING
BUT I
...COULDN'T DO ANYTHING, TEACHER.
SO EXCRUCIATING...
...
...I
HAVE SEEN PEOPLE LIKE YOU MANY TIMES
NOT KNOWING YOUR PLACE,
INSECT-LIKE BEINGS PRETENDING TO BE FEARLESS AND ENGULFED BY THEIR EMOTIONS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS—


TRAPPED IN THEIR EMOTIONS,
BELIEVING THAT THEY HAVE SURPASSED FEAR AND AGONY,
AN INSECT FULL OF SYMPATHY FOR ANOTHER,


AN INSECT THAT POSSESSES A SET OF EYES THAT I DESPISE THE MOST.
THIS, I...


EYES THAT SEEM MORE FAMILIAR THAN WHAT THE GOD OF DEATH HAD SHOWN...
YOU MUST BE...
THE SPIRIT THAT GOT AWAY FROM THE HUNTER

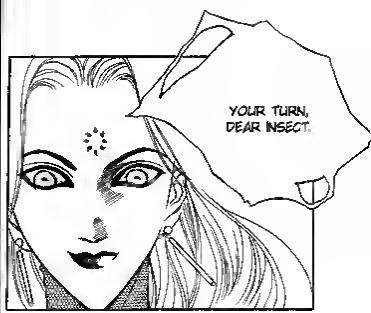

SFX BOOM
IF SO, THEN I SHOULD KEEP MY END OF THE BARGAIN BY SENDING YOU BACK TO HIM.
AH!
SFX BAM

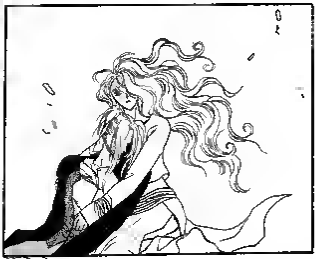

KRRRRR
KUUU
YORG...!
SFX. KUAAA


WUUNG
SFX: KWAA KWAA


SFX KEENG
SFX KWA KWA




YOUR TURN, DEAR INSECT.



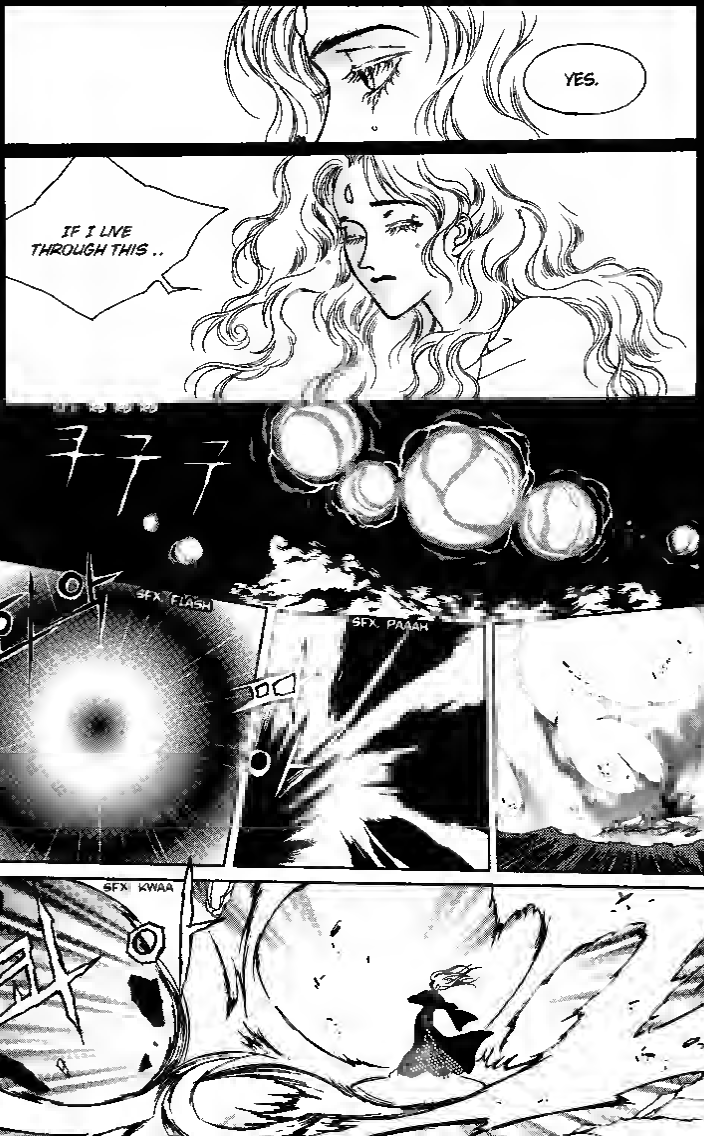

SFX FLASH
SO SORRY, BUT NOT YET...


WHY DON'T YOU STOP IT ALREADY?
I JUST CAN'T WATCH IT. IT'S SUCH AN EYESORE.
CONSIDERING THE FLOW OF THE STORY, IT'S ABOUT TIME I CAME TO FACE YOU.
HADATSA, HOW DARE YOU .
SFX POW


...WHY?
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?
DO YOU HAVE A REASON TO RISK YOUR LIFE FOR US LIKE THIS?!
TO US, THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A LIFE TO RISK.
JUST A MEANINGLESS BODY THAT WILL PERPETUALLY REGENERATE.
SOMETHING—
LET ME TELL YOU THIS TO CORRECT YOUR MISUNDERSTANDING, LITTLE LADY:


SFX RUMBLE
I CAN'T DO TRANSPORTING IN THIS STATE...
...
...AT LEAST YOU SHOULD GET OUT OF HERE...
CAN'T DO THAT.
WHATEVER IT TAKES ONLY TEACHER AT LEAST SOMEHOW
.....!
LA..LAVA!
LAVA, WHERE ARE YOU?
..NO!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR LAVA'S POWER TO HANDLE TWO PEOPLE.
..YOU MUST GO.


NO!
WHY DO YOU THINK I CAME ALL THIS WAY?!
NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE SAYS, TEACHER IS THE MOST PRECIOUS PERSON TO ME!
...BELL...
I DON'T WANT TO LIVE MY LIFE WITHOUT YOU.
PERHAPS...
EVEN THOUGH I DOUBT IT TO BE TRUE.
WERE YOU SERIOUS...?
ABOUT WANTING TO BE MY BRIDE...
COWARDLY HOPE, THAT'S BEEN HIDING DEEP IN MY HEART, IS SLOWLY SURFACING.


YES.
IF I LIVE THROUGH THIS ..
SFX: FLASH
SFX: PAAAH
SFX: KWAA


EUK...
KYAA!
GRINDS
AH
AH
AH...
AH!


OH DAMN.!
WHAT..?
OTHER THAN SPARKING FIRES, I CAN'T SEE ANY
..LITTLE LADY.


I SOMEHOW EXPECTED SOMETHING LIKE THIS SO I PREPARED THIS AHEAD OF TIME
MY BODY WOULD HAVE PROBABLY TURNED INTO ASHES
IT'LL TAKE SOME TIME FOR ME TO USE MY MAGIC POWER AGAIN.
I TRIED TO PROTECT YOU FOR THE SAKE OF THAT GRUMPY IDIOT
AH
AH
AH
LIVE.
WHO'S— AN IDIOT...!?
FOR THOSE OF US WHO BEGIN TO SEE A MERIT FOR LIVING IN YOU...

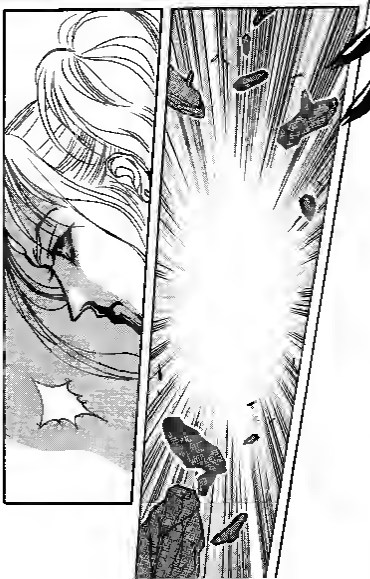


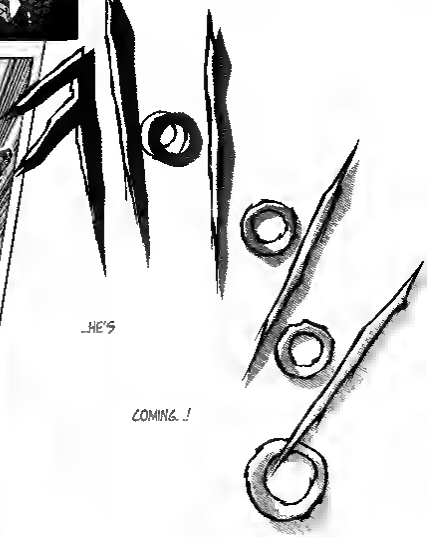


I'M.

NOT AFRAID OF ANYTHING.

SFX. KEEEEING





...HE'S

COMING..!


SFX: KWA KWA KWA
A FORCE THAT SURPASSES THE POWER OF DESTRUCTION
AH!
I KNOW THE ONE WHO HAS THIS POWER
Shahaka Rewhime!
SFX: WOONG
Dam
SFX: BAM


SFX: KWA-KWA
CAN'T HELP IT...
SINCE SHE HAS MY WEAK POINT..
SFX: KU KUNG


CAINEN...
AH...
I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO COME HERE AND HELP ME!
...WHY?
AH
AH
AH...
WHY ARE YOU HERE ...
WHY DID YOU COME HERE?


SFX: FLASH
CA...
THE OVERFLOWING MAGIC POWER THAT SHE POURED OUT TO HAPATSA HAS SPED UP INTO A RECKLESS POWER OVERRIDE.
CAINEN!
NO NEED TO BE IMPETUOUS.
SINCE YOUR HEART WAS MINE FROM THE START.


SFX: SLIT
AH
AH
AH...
AH


AH...
AH


MUST BE AGONIZING.
AH
AH
AH
THE PAIN DETACHED FROM ONE'S WILL...
PAIN SO EXCRUCIATING SUCH AS CRUSHING BONES AND SPLITTING THE HAIR ENDS...


THE PAIN IS MAKING YOU THINK THAT IT WOULD ONLY END WHEN YOU DESTROY EVERYTHING.
AH
AH
CAN THIS BE THE ONLY REASON FOR THE EXISTENCE OF OUR POWERS?
DEMON LORD WITH A HUMAN BODY THAT CAN'T EVEN DOMINATE THE UNCONTROLLABLE POWER..
IN THE END, YOU ONLY GET TO REPEAT THIS KIND OF ENDING TIME AFTER TIME.
SFX: POW
THAT MOMENT ..


I THOUGHT...
WHILE HE'S LOOKING AT ME...?
THAT—
RELL...
WHAT IS HE THINKING OF
TO ME...
NOT KNOWING THIS WOULD BE THE MOST FRIGHTENING EXPERIENCE OF MY LIFE.


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